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Judge brands a Porthcawl couple as 'despicable'

A COUPLE who stole money from a vulnerable, disabled man, have been put behind bars.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC said at Cardiff Crown Court: "Their behaviour can be described in only one word - despicable."

Michael Richardson-Grey (23) of New Road, Porthcawl, was jailed for two years, eight months and Sarah Davies (21),

Report by AJ SICLUNA

also of New Road, was jailed for 18 months.

Richardson-Grey admitted charges of burglary and theft and Davies admitted two charges of theft.

Prosecutor Ian Kolville said 68-year-old Charles Bond was disabled and unable to stand for long periods. He lived in a bedsit in New Road.

The two defendants got to know him and

sometimes Davies would clean his room for £10.

On May 23, she asked to borrow £50 from him and he gave her his credit card and PIN number to obtain the money, but she withdrew £300.

Mr Bond became suspicious, called the bank and discovered what had happened.

Police later found text messages on their mobile phones indicating the defendants planned to steal from him.

Mr Kolville said that on May 30, Mr Bond awoke in his room to find Richardson-Grey nearby.

He said: "What the hell are you doing? Get out."

Richardson-Grey left, but 30 minutes later, he was there again and said: "I just wanted to speak to you."

He stole £40 from Mr Bond and it was later discovered that £300 had been stolen from his bank account.

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Porthcawl man found guilty of murder

A MAN from Porthcawl has been found guilty of the murder of Mr Nicholas Tame.

Kevin Gwyn Syms (52) was charged with murdering Mr Tame at Monks Close, Pyle, on Sunday, December 7, 2014.

Mr Syms had pleaded not guilty to the charge at Swansea Crown Court.

In addition, his co-defendant, Ms Joanne Parkhouse Thomas (41) from Pyle, has also

been convicted of attempting to pervert the course of justice for her part in the incident. Syms and Parkhouse Thomas were due to be sentenced at Swansea Crown Court today (Thursday, July 16).

The Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Peter Doyle, said: "Kevin Syms has been convicted of murder."

"The family of Mr Tame are well-respected members of the local community

and we hope that they will find some comfort as a result of the verdict that has been delivered today.

"For her part, Joanne Parkhouse-Thomas has been convicted of attempting to pervert the course of justice."

"We would like to thank the community for their assistance and cooperation during our investigation into the murder and our thoughts remain with the family of Mr Tame."

EMBARKING ON CHARITY CLIMB...

Father and son are aiming for the top!

Report by PHILIP IRWIN



ABOVE: Andrew and Jay Gunningham.

A father and son from Porthcawl are planning to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for charity - when the son will be just 12 years old.

Over the last few years, Andrew Gunningham has been surprised that his son, Jay, has been mad keen on climbing mountains with his dad.

Although Jay is keen on more traditional pursuits - in particular football where he plays for Swansea under-11s - he loves heading for the highest mountain peaks he can find.

Andrew said: "Jay has been really keen. We have already climbed Snowdon three times, plus Cader Idris and Ben Nevis."

Nevertheless, it came as something as a shock when Jay suggested that he would love to climb Mount Kilimanjaro for

charity. Andrew has risen to the challenge, researched all of the arrangements, and chosen Ty Hafan as the charity that will benefit. He is aiming to do the climb in August 2016.

However, he lacks a sponsor, and told The GEM: "We are keen to give it a try and it would mean so much to Jay - I just can't let him down."

"Ty Hafan has been very helpful and, as I work in the NHS, I know what wonderful work they do."

During the event, and also in the run-up to it, Andrew plans to use social media to generate more charitable donations, running a blog to record their progress.

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ABOVE: Wayne Warlow (right) hands the chain of office to Jeff Perren.

Jeff takes over at Porthcawl Rotary

AT a recent well-attended occasion at the Atlantic Hotel in Porthcawl, the Rotary Club of Porthcawl held its annual handover evening.

After an excellent meal, the ceremonial part of the evening began and the retiring president, Wayne Warlow, passed his chain of office to the incoming president, Jeff Perren, to great applause. The Rotarians and friends heard Wayne's retiring speech, one from Porthcawl Rotary's Sandra Townsend - who had spent a wonderful year as District Governor - and also one from the

Mayor, Coun David Newton-Williams who, as is the custom with Porthcawl Rotary Club, becomes an honorary Rotarian for his year of office.

Robert Aubrey became the new president elect and Rowena Millward the new president nominee.

Lastly, and perhaps to the most applause, came the news that long-serving past president, Jean Schofield, had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her incredible charity work.

Ivor Williams

How speaker overcame his lifelong stutter

THE July meeting of Sker WI was held recently, when president Nora Williams welcomed members present and reported that the trip to Swansea was enjoyed by all.

The weather couldn't have been better for the boat trip on the River Tawe!

The charity evening in aid of the Stroke Club went well and members enjoyed some curling, with £300 being raised for the club.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Alan Badmington whose talk 'Lost for Words', told us how he overcame his stuttering.

For over 50 years, he experienced extreme difficulty in telling people who he was - he had been stuttering since he was about three.

Over the years, he had

speech therapy - without much success. At 19, he joined the police service, until retiring in 1993.

It is only in recent years that he has gained the help and understanding to overcome the problem. He has since travelled the world and also given talks.

Our summer fayre is on Friday, July 17 at Trinity Church Hall from 10am-12 noon. There is also the Glamorgan show on July 25 at North Connolly Community Centre from 10am-5pm to look forward to.

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 10 at 7pm in St David's Church Hall, when Mike Boyles will tell us about 'The Life and Times of Ivor Novello'. Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

Ann Vipond

Avalanche of protest against repeal of the hunting ban... As the House of Commons still tries to get its bearings

TEN years ago, when I was first elected to Parliament, it was sometimes impossible to open the front door because of the number of letters coming into the constituency office.

We had a mail in and mail out book, to ensure letters were tracked and that none were missed. Now a handwritten letter is a rare occurrence.

Turning on the computer to begin this article, I found 649 new emails waiting for me. The vast majority are asking me to vote against the amendment of the Hunting Act which is coming into the Commons on Wednesday.

The Government is (for the second time) using a parliamentary procedure to introduce changes to controversial legislation. In this case, a statutory instrument is being used to amend the Hunting Act, to allow hunting with an unrestricted number of dogs.

Over the past three weeks, I have received

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almost 1,000 emails on this issue. Around 95 per cent have opposed the change being introduced. The number of emails on this one subject would not normally have been a problem, except the Commons is still struggling to function effectively.

To the watching public, life goes on in the Commons Chamber as before, but outside there is still some chaos. MPs who lost their seats have cleared their offices and most new MPs have now been allocated one.

The next step is to recruit staff and obtain computers, printers, scanners and other office equipment. The new influx of Scots MPs has brought an unexpected problem, with the vetting and setting up of new staff.

The research and

To say the office has been on slow go for the last few weeks is, to put it mildly, an understatement. There were cries of celebration when finally the security clearance came through for the second new member of staff and five days later we also had the email address.

For those who have been awaiting a reply, we are finally making progress with the backlog, as the researching of data for replies is now much faster.

This is just as well, since a further 15 emails opposing the amendment to the Hunting Act have popped into my inbox since I began typing.

They show on my screen, no matter what I am working on.

In the States, when a new administration is elected there is a three-month handover period, so that there is time to get people into jobs and systems working before the new Government takes office.

Here in the UK, we pretend everything is up and running the Monday after the Friday morning results are in. More chaos will follow over the summer recess when 650 MPs experience the roll-out of new IT systems in both their Commons and Constituency offices.

The equipment is updated at the start of every new Parliament and by the end of five years is often groaning and falling apart. System failure is not uncommon in the Commons but can be even more frustrating in the constituency and involve long waits for repairs. So if you are emailing your MP and annoyed at the slow reply, hang on in there! One is coming soon.

And a final update: another six emails opposing the amendment have come into my inbox since I began this last paragraph.

'AIRPORT NEEDS TO UP ITS GAME'

I'M glad my wife and I are not alone in thinking Cardiff Airport is a shambles. I was infuriated last September over our experience there while flying to and from Turkey.

On our return, I wrote a letter of complaint to the managing director, but did not even get a reply. So therefore, we flew from Birmingham in January, which took two and a half hours, but well worth the drive.

This September, we are flying from Bristol, costing me more in petrol, but worth it.

Cardiff Airport needs to up its game so that local people go back to flying from there. Paul Thomas, Brynna.

Technology can help people with sight loss



RNIB Digital Skills Officer Ruairi McLaren (centre) talking tech with Stuart Clare (on left) and Jonathan Milner (right).

PEOPLE affected by sight loss are being helped to go online and get the most out of modern technology - thanks to a partnership between Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and RNIB Cymru.

Through their digital inclusion service, they are working with blind and partially sighted residents to show them how to use all of the features which make technology accessible to all.

RNIB digital skills officer Ruairi McLaren said: "Whether you'd like to save money by shopping online,

download music, listen to audio books, use skype, or whatever, the internet is obviously extremely useful and not being able to get online is a big disadvantage.

"However, all modern smart phones, tablets, computers, laptops and other devices contain a range of built-in accessibility features which people don't always realise are there. For example, you may find the zoom, magnify or voice over features useful. You just need to find the right settings, and we can help residents to do that. I also have devices that I can demonstrate to anyone who is considering buying one."

'BEWARE OF THESE SCAM CALLERS!'

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (CBCB) is warning residents to be wary of bogus telephone calls that are being made by a man who falsely says that he works for the council.

A number of concerned residents contacted the local authority's Trading Standards service recently to report the cold calls in which the man claims the consumer has been involved in an accident.

A CBCB spokesman said: "The council can confirm it has NOT been contacting residents regarding such matters and, having made initial enquiries, Trading Standards officers believe that these telephone calls relate to an international fraud and it appears likely that bank or card details would have been requested if the calls had not been terminated."

The warning comes during Scams Awareness Month, which CBCB and South Wales Police are jointly supporting throughout July. This year's theme is 'Don't be rushed, don't be hushed', and residents are being urged to keep themselves safe from the clutches of rogue companies and individuals.

The key advice is: Don't be rushed or pressurised into making a decision straight away to sign up to or purchase something. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Beware of scams that tell you that you have

won a prize. If you haven't bought a ticket then you can't win it.

Your bank will never phone you to ask for your PIN or your online banking password.

Don't suffer in silence - speak out if you think you have been scammed.

Coun Charles Smith, CBCB's Cabinet Member with responsibility for legal and regulatory services, said: "These bogus telephone calls highlight the importance of us supporting Scams Awareness Month, as it encourages people to tell us about the types of scams they are encountering."

"I would like to thank those who have contacted us to report this issue, as our Trading Standards team can now work with South Wales Police to make further investigations."

"We have not received reports of any residents losing money to this scam, but if anyone has provided bank or card details to an unsolicited caller and has any concerns, then they should report the matter to us as soon as possible."

To report scams to Trading Standards, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 (for a service in the Welsh language call 03454 04 05 05) or e m a i l

tradingstandards@bridgend.gov.uk. Scams can also be reported to South Wales Police via the 101 non-emergency number.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
16 Thur	07.27	9.5	19.47	9.6
17 Fri	08.08	9.4	20.25	9.6
18 Sat	08.47	9.6	20.59	9.7
19 Sun	09.21	9.5	21.37	9.4
20 Mon	09.53	9.2	22.09	9.1
21 Tues	10.25	9.0	22.39	8.9
22 Wed	10.59	8.7	23.14	8.5
23 Thur	11.38	8.3	23.55	8.1

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VOLUNTEER CHOIR CHEERS PATIENTS

CHOIR members struck a chord with elderly patients when they brought their music to a ward at a Princess of Wales Hospital.

Coity-based Any One Aloud, which features several ABMU staff members, entertained patients on Ward 18 with a selection of popular songs including 'Every Breath You Take', 'Let It Be', and 'Eidelweiss'.

Through her role as lead advance nurse practitioner for care of the elderly, Wendy Mashlan knows just how beneficial music can be to patients – and she practises what she preaches as an enthusiastic member of the mixed choir.

She was joined for the concert by her colleagues advanced nurse practitioners Ceri Thomas and Julie Hayes, nurse practitioner Tina Howell, health records clerk Rachel Edmunds, breast care nurse Julie Lewis and dental nurse Cherie Walker alongside other members of the community – teachers, builder and bankers – who make up the choir's ranks.

Wendy said: "The choir were really keen to come and sing to the patients and the patients thoroughly enjoyed it."

This was the latest event in a series to help stimulate and entertain patients on the integrated ward – which looks after medical cases and people with dementia.

Besides running a programme of activities, the ward has built up links with community groups who have helped by donating items and making dementia aids.

Wendy said the choir's visit was another example of the support the community has given the hospital and the singers, under the guidance of musical director Rachel Ashong Quinn, are already planning to return to the ward for another concert at Christmas.

Other choristers who lined up alongside the ABMU contingent were Adrian Mills, Emma Mills, Colin Lewis, Lorraine Scott, Alison Grabham, Trudy Perry, Alison Lynch, Stephen Llan Thomas, Beth Casson and Phillip Arkinstal.



ABOVE:
Wendy Mashlan (front, second from left) with fellow members of Any One Aloud during their visit to Princess of Wales Hospital's Ward 18.

Good news, as local chapel's renovation project takes step forward!

THE much-loved Saron Chapel in Treoes is in need of urgent repair works to safeguard its future – but residents have had some good news lately as the plans to safeguard the building came a step nearer with the award of extra funds.

The members of Saron have received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund to draw up the detailed plans needed to repair the chapel, which is a Grade II Listed building.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has earmarked a contribution of just under £100,000 towards the repair works and for activities to help the community understand the heritage of the chapel further.

The congregation now needs to secure match funding for this and several grant applications have been submitted.

Following a generous donation from the Llangan Community Council, there was additional good news in June when the members of Saron heard that they had secured a further £5,000 from the Welsh

Churches Act, which is administered by the Vale Council.

Commenting on behalf of the congregation, Jill Ham from Saron Chapel said: "This really is excellent news! Approval from the Heritage Lottery Fund was such a great achievement for us, but if we are to get all the funds for the repair work we need to raise quite a lot of money.

Therefore the contributions from the community council and the Welsh Churches Act are incredibly helpful."

The members have also submitted other applications and will know the outcome of these in the autumn.

If they are successful, then the long awaited repair works to Saron will start in the spring of next year and should be completed by December 2016 – just in time for the popular Christmas concert.

The repair work to the chapel is merely the first phase for Saron, and the members of the congregation hope to go on and secure funding to renovate the adjoining vestry – which would upgrade an important historical building and bring it back into community use.

New members needed to monitor Parc prison

THE Independent Monitoring board (IMB) is currently recruiting for members to join the team at HMP YOI Parc to help monitor the treatment of prisoners.

Members of the Independent Monitoring Board are the eyes and ears of Ministers and monitor the day-to-day life in their local prison to ensure the proper standards of care are maintained. Every prison in the UK is legally required to have an Independent Monitoring Board.

Jean Davies, chair of the IMB at HMP YOI Parc, said: "Because of the expansion at HMP YOI Parc, we are seeking to appoint a number of new members to the board. The role involves visiting the prison and checking that the correct policies and procedures laid down by government are being followed.

"We are entirely independent of the prison service and G4S which runs the HMP YOI Parc, and have a statutory duty to report our observations or any concerns we might have to the Secretary of State for Justice.

"We are from a wide range of

backgrounds and you do not need any special qualifications or experience, as we will provide all necessary training and support. You need to be enthusiastic, open minded, possess effective communication skills and have the ability to exercise sound, objective judgment."

HMP YOI Parc in Bridgend, is a Male Category B prison which is currently undergoing an expansion programme and will have the capacity to hold over 1,500 prisoners.

Jean Davies, continued: "We visit the prison on a rota basis, listening and talking to prisoners and staff and being familiar with all that happens 'inside'. Typically, this can take up to three days a month and is reasonably flexible.

"Members are also required to attend nine out of 12 board meetings throughout the year. The role is always interesting, educational and challenging. You and your time will make a difference."

Visit <http://www.imb.org.uk/join-now/current-vacancies/> to find out how being an IMB Member can benefit you and to download an application form.

A drugs supplier receives 12-month community order

A DRUGS supplier has been given a 12-month community sentence at Cardiff Crown Court.

Paul Braddock (20), a man with no previous convictions, who had lived in Bridgend, but currently resides in Manchester, pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis with intent to supply, and supplying the drug.

The order involved supervision for 12 months and 100 hours unpaid work.

Judge Patrick Curran told him: "You were extremely foolish to get involved in this.

"Normally an immediate custodial sentence is passed."

Prosecutor Andrew Jones said that on November 30, police on patrol in Bridgend saw a Vauxhall Astra parked in a layby.

The driver was on a mobile phone and Braddock was walking towards him. The vehicle drove off and was

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stopped.

The police smelled cannabis inside and a quantity of cannabis was found in the vehicle.

The driver indicated he had bought the drugs from Braddock, who was found to have eight bags of cannabis on him and £50 in cash.

Braddock said he had bought the drugs "from his dealer" who lived in the Wildmill area and who had asked him to supply the driver with cannabis from him.

Mr Jones said that Braddock gave the police full details of the supplier. The drugs involved, he said, were worth £200.

Rhodri Chudleigh, for Braddock, said: "The matter was at the lower end of the scale for such offences.

"He has since moved from the Bridgend area."

How German Shepherd puppy stole the show!

THE July meeting of Newton WI was opened by president Pearl Mason (it was good to see her back after her short illness).

All business discussed, she welcomed speaker Mrs Norah Clarke, together with a special guest Unwyn, the lovely German Shepherd puppy, who of course stole the show.

Mr and Mrs Clarke are known as 'puppy walkers', the first stage of training in the life of a guide dog for the blind. There are various stages in the training before they can qualify as a working guide dog.

These wonderful animals can make such a difference to people's lives, giving them confidence and independence.

Shirley Brown was our representative at the centenary annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Queen, the Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

Shirley gave a full and very interesting account of the proceedings.

Our summer tea was held on June 24 when all the members enjoyed a splendid spread, including delicious strawberries and cream. Jean Flye gave a vote of thanks to all who made this occasion possible.

On July 8, the Glamorgan centenary garden party was held at Margam Park. Tea was held in the Orangery and marquee, as the weather was undecided. We all looked resplendent in our colourful outfits, with many fashionable hats worn.

Our table was decorated beautifully with flowers arranged by Anita and a magnificent candelabra, provided by Jennifer, with a marvellous buffet made by our ladies.

We were entertained by a female duo, 'Benediction', singing favourite songs. A great deal of dancing ended a superb afternoon!

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Access guide will collect information for disabled

A LOCAL social enterprise, DisabledGo, in partnership with Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), has launched a new accessibility project to provide in-depth access information in the area – thanks to funding from the Western Bay programme.

The access guide will cover 350 different places to go across Bridgend, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot county boroughs. Each of the 350 places will be visited and assessed by a team of surveyors to collect detailed information.

The information will be published on www.disabledgo.com alongside that of many other towns, cities and areas across the UK.

The service will help people find wheelchair accessible tourist attractions, shops offering hearing assistance systems, restaurants with accessible toilets, libraries with books in alternative formats, hotels with accessible rooms, the closest

'Changing Places' facility and much, much more!

A BAVO spokeswoman said: "BAVO and DisabledGo would welcome feedback on the project from local residents and disability organisations. Suggestions of what venues should be included in the guide would be particularly welcome."

DisabledGo would also be interested to hear from disabled people from Swansea, Bridgend or Neath Port Talbot areas who would be interested in getting more involved in the assessment of venues.

They are keen to find local people to join their existing surveying team to help with the assessment process. There are both voluntary and paid temporary opportunities available.

If you have any questions about DisabledGo's work, would like to suggest a venue to be included or are interested in joining DisabledGo's surveying team please get in touch with DisabledGo on 01483 842710.

FIRST MINISTER PRAISES THE TY ELIS CHARITY, PORTHCAWL



PICTURED: Fiona Morris, executive officer at Ty Elis, Carwyn Jones AM, Edwina White, director, Ty Elis, and Dr David Parry, trustee of Ty Elis.

RECENTLY, First Minister AM Carwyn Jones hosted an event for Tŷ Elis Counselling Service at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay.

Based in Porthcawl, Tŷ Elis is a charity that has been in practice since 1996 and provides counselling and psychotherapy services.

The aim of the event was to raise the profile of the organisation and to draw attention to the work of the 40 counsellors who work to improve the mental wellbeing of individuals in need.

At Tŷ Elis, the staff do not label their clients with diagnoses, instead they prefer to focus on working

with them to regain their autonomy and take responsibility and control for the issues affecting their lives.

At the event, Tŷ Elis staff had an opportunity to speak to Assembly Members about their charity and about their free therapeutic counselling service that they provide to people across south Wales.

Mr Jones said: "I was delighted to host this important event at the Senedd. It was a great opportunity for the charity to raise its profile and to promote their services. I would also like to pay tribute to all those who volunteer at Tŷ Elis and provide such a valuable and worthwhile service".

BRIDGEND THERAPIST WINS TOP NATIONAL ACCOLADE Former Pencoed school pals win awards at 'elite' gathering

THE crème de la crème of the Welsh hair and beauty industry were in residence at the Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff, on June 28, as over 400 elite professionals gathered for the second annual awards ceremony.

A spokesperson reported: "The Welsh Hair & Beauty Awards, organised by Creative Oceanic, is fast becoming a staple event in the industry calendar as it celebrates the amazing breadth of talent and style Wales has to offer."

"The 2015 event has been a fantastic year for nominations; thousands were received from the Welsh public, who all voted for their

favourite hair and beauty gurus.

"The evening was hosted by Capital FM's breakfast show presenter, Polly James, and guests from all over Wales gathered in the capital at a black tie dinner celebration of their industry."

"The awards also were an opportunity to fundraise for a worthwhile cause and this year their helped raise over £1,600 for the official charity partner, Make A Wish Foundation UK who grant magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions."

Speaking shortly after the event Irfan Younis, of event organisers Creative Oceanic said: "This year, we have been blown away by the response from the Welsh public and our finalists, resulting in nearly twice

as many attendees as last year, heating up the competition!"

"Well done to all the winners and finalists and we thank everyone who participated in making this another successful event."

One lucky Bridgend winner on the night was Denise Owen, from Denise Owen Massage Therapy, who picked up one of the main awards of the evening, that of 'Masseuse of the Year 2015'.

Speaking at the event, Denise said she was "totally in shock at being crowned the best massage therapist in Wales for 2015", giving praise to her family for their support and to all her clients who had nominated and voted for her.

She was also quick to praise another local Bridgend winner, Stuart

Baldwin of Capelli Salons – winner of 'Best Marketing Campaign,' as they are old school friends from Pencoed Comprehensive.

Denise also heaped praise on her fellow 'Masseuse of the Year' finalist nominees for all their hard work and dedication, saying: "Being recognised and appreciated in our line of work was often hard, even within the hair and beauty industry itself."

"Many people either snigger at the mention of our jobs, or flat out refuse to believe that there are high levels of skill and responsibility in our roles."

Denise, from Pencoed, Bridgend owns and runs her business from a small dedicated therapy room at her home.

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AN AFTERNOON WITH UNSUNG LOCAL HEROINE!

ACTIVITIES are still in full swing at Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild: games, craft, and literary groups have met and a luncheon was enjoyed at the Seagull.

At the last meeting, Dee Richardson gave an interesting report of the National AGM in Glasgow, which was attended by three members.

Our speaker, Miss Debra John, made a welcome return visit. This time on 'An Afternoon with Amy Dillwyn' – an unsung heroine from Swansea. She was born in

1845 and lived an amazing life, dying at 90 years of age.

Amy Dillwyn was a real character – a woman industrialist in a man's world!

We do not have a meeting in August, but an outing to Tredegar House on August 12 still has room on the coach.

Also, we would welcome guests to an afternoon tea on August 19 at the Grove.

Come and find out more about us! For more information, call 01656 772157. DT

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE IN THE AREA?

Sinclair Garages (Port Talbot) Ltd – Sinclair Volkswagen, Brackla – Two storey side extension and garage.
Tremains Road, Bridgend – New signage to replace existing signs.
ATS Euromaster – ATS Euromaster, Coity Road, Bridgend – Various signage.
Mr Michael Palmer – Rear 55, Deri Avenue, Pencoed – Pollard Oak tree, cut back Ash tree to knuckle, cut back long overhanging limbs of another Oak tree.

Mrs Margaret Evans – Duffryn Tawel, Pant y Pwllau, Coety – Partial crown reduce secondary branches on Oak 1; crown lift of secondary lower limbs on Oak 2.
Mr William Pugh – Land at Bwlch y Clawdd, north east of Ogmor Valley, Bridgend – Erect 500kw wind turbine blade in BCBC and associated switchgear/cabling in RCT (amended access arrangements).

Mrs Laura Hart – 5 Llangwm Way, Porthcawl – Single storey side and rear extension.

Simon Willows – 70 The Spinney, Brackla – Two storey side extension and garage.
Mrs H Perrett – Locks Cottage, Locks Common, Porthcawl – Create larger balcony 5m x 2.2m.
Mr David Perry – Land adjacent to Delfryn, Heol Las, Maudlam – Proposed residential development for two detached dwellings.
Renewable Energy Partnerships – Newton Down Windfarm, Stormy Lane, Bridgend – Non material amendment to relocate turbine 2 approximately 43m to the south west of its original position.

Mr Andrew James – 122 Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl – Two storey extension to rear.
Mr Kevin Sinnott – 18 Oxford Street, Pontycymmer – Refurbishment and upgrading semi derelict existing commercial premises to provide community art gallery.

Mr Gwyn Singleton – 59 Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl – Raise roof line of bungalow to

accommodate new first floor, new porch/study, new double garage, rear single and two storey extensions.

Mr Mark Kinsella – Plot 15, Cwm Coed, Bettws – Detached dwelling and garage.

Mr M Khaliq – Seaview Farm, Pyle Road, Nottage, Porthcawl – Install 9 pole mounted infra red cameras with motion detectors along perimeter and install DNO substation.

Mr Phil Jones – YDCE, Heol yr Ysgol, Tondur – New steel field storage container.

Mr Paul Brain – Bron y Deri, Pant, Hirwaun – Extension to garage (affecting footpath 39 St Brides Minor).

Mr David Thomas – 19 Heol Cynwyd, Llangynwyd, Maesteg – Single storey rear side flat roof extension, raise decking area and rear garden store.

EXCHANGE TRIP STRENGTHENS THE TIES BETWEEN SCHOOLS



Porthcawl Comprehensive pupils on the French exchange visit.

TWENTY students and three staff from Porthcawl Comprehensive School have just returned from a French exchange trip to Saint-Sébastien-sur-Loire where they had the most fantastic time.

So much so, it is hard to pick the highlight of our stay!

We were overwhelmed by the very warm welcome of the headteacher and all the staff at La Joliverie school. Upon our arrival, the deputy mayor of Saint-Sébastien-sur-Loire, Porthcawl's twin town and Mrs Merceron, deputy head of La Joliverie, made

wonderful speeches about the importance of the exchange between our two schools, and of how learning a language enables young people to broaden their horizons and experience different cultures.

Just like us, they hope it will be the start of many more trips of this kind. Lots of activities were planned during our stay, including a day at the beautiful La Baule beach and a visit to the theme park Puy-du-Fou where the students were captivated by a series of medieval re-enactments.

We also had an evening at the crêperie, tasting delicious savoury and sugary pancakes. The French and Welsh students

enjoyed themselves so much that some have already signed up for next year's trip!

It was really great to see the students developing their French while reinforcing the friendships formed when the French students visited us in March.

If you want to know more about this exchange, you can find us on Facebook PCS French student exchange or on the following online blog <http://pcsfrenchstudentexchange.wordpress.com>.

Mrs G Morgan
(teacher of French at PCS)

Yes, it's that view of Porthcawl once again!

THE Princess Royal showed her appreciation of all things maritime as she viewed a display of 'Ultimate Sea View' photographs, marking the launch of a national photography competition by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society – a charity of which she is patron – and Porthcawl was featured among them.

Opened to coincide with Seafarers' Awareness Week, the display brought a sea view to some of the country's longest serving veteran mariners at the land-locked Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society care home in Surrey, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The display featured images of seven of last year's competition entries, ranging from trawler races in Brixham

to a storm-battered harbour light at Porthcawl, displayed in the grounds of the home.

The society is encouraging as many people as possible to enter its competition, which aims to find the photograph that best captures the country's enduring relationship with the sea. The prize, donated by P&O Ferries, will be a five-day return crossing on its Dover to Calais route for a car and caravan and up to nine passengers. The trip can be booked any time between now and June 2016.

Running at www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk, and across social media, the competition encourages participants, both amateur and professional, to send in photographs of what they believe best encapsulates Britain's connection with the sea.

The deadline for entries to the competition is August 7.

To enter the



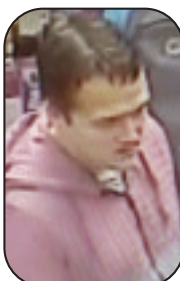
Gary Cox's image of Porthcawl harbour light.



Princess Anne in front of Susan Denney's picture from East Mersea.

competition, full terms and conditions and for more information about the work of the society visit www.shipwreckedmariners.org.uk or the society's Facebook or Twitter pages at www.facebook.com/shipwreckedmariners and @ShipwreckedSoc.

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION



POLICE investigating an alleged theft in Ewenny have released these images of two men they believe could help with their enquiries.

On June 18, a quantity of Yankee candles were taken from Ewenny Garden Centre and officers believe the men in the images may have information that could help with their investigation.

Anyone who recognises the men in the images is asked to call 101, quoting reference number 1500216765. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Porthcawl-born artist makes her mark in Bristol charity trail

A PORTHCAWL-born artist has joined a flock of celebrities and designers who have decorated sculptures of classic Aardman character, Shaun the Sheep, for a ewe-nique charity sculpture trail.

Susan Taylor has designed a sculpture called 'Alright Me Babber?' for 'Shaun in the City', a flock of 70 five-foot sculptures of Shaun the Sheep on display all over Bristol until Monday, August 31.

Susan, 42, a full-time artist, grew up in Porthcawl and now lives in Bristol with her two children.

Her sculpture is decorated with a montage of the city's iconic landmarks, as well as a selection of distinctively 'Bristolian' phrases, and took her around 40 hours to complete.

Susan said of her inspiration: "I am inspired by Grayson Perry and David



Susan Taylor with Shaun the Sheep.

Hockney, and I'll watch any art documentary by Andrew Graham Dixon. I am also inspired heavily by trends, whether it be in fashion, music or advertising. My background in advertising enables me to keep my target audience in mind when I am designing something new.

All 70 sculptures on the 'Shaun in the City' trail have been designed and decorated by a wide range of artists, designers, celebrities and well-known organisations, including DreamWorks Animation, Thunderbirds, Laura

Ashley, Beatrix Potter, Bagguss creator Peter Firmin and 'Red or Dead' designer Wayne Hemingway, as well as the creator of Shaun the Sheep, Nick Park himself.

The sculptures will be auctioned later this year to raise money for Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal, the Bristol Children's Hospital charity.

For more information, visit www.shauintheCity.org. Join the flock at facebook.com/shauintheCity, and on Twitter at @shaun_intheCity #ShaunintheCity.

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DANCE SCHOOL STEPS OUT AT THE GRAND PAVILION



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IT was an exciting evening of song and dance recently at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, when over 60 members of the Sian Dixon School of Dance performed alongside a choir conducted by Miss Meryn Williams.

Sian said: "This was a different style of show for us, using the older section of the school to showcase their work in ballet, song and modern dance."

"We featured choreography from past pupils currently studying in full-time dance college, guest teachers, as well as a performance from our pianist who also manages and conducts a choir."

"There was a diverse selection of music from pop to opera and I think it was a memorable evening for all."

Family activities

BRIDGEND Communities First is offering summer activities **FREE** in Maesteg, Caerau, Bettws, Ogmore Valley, Blackmill, Sarn, Brackla, Bridgend, Cefn Glas, Cornelly, Pyle and Wildmill.

It includes Play4Life play schemes for children aged 3-7 and 8-11; outdoor play sessions in partnership with Groundwork Wales in Blackmill and Sarn for those aged 0-18; and every Wednesday in Maesteg and Caerau, children's summer club for children (8-11).

Free adult workshops are also available. A full list of Bridgend Communities First's summer programme is at www.commfirstbridgend.co.uk or by calling 01656 643514.

School colouring competition

HRT (Herbert R Thomas Estate Agents) has launched a colouring competition at **Oldcastle Primary School** for children in reception to year-5.

All winners will receive a gift voucher to the Odeon cinema worth £25 each.

Poignant tale of ill-fated race to the South Pole...

AN expert geologist and geographer, Dr Tom Sharpe, who works in Antarctica during its summer, braved the heat of our summer to tell Porthcawl U3A members fascinating stories of the ice continent.

His PowerPoint talk at the Hi Tide displayed wonderful pictures of Antarctica, which is 5.4 million square miles in size – or 55 times the size of the UK, unbelievably beautiful, but not for the faint hearted.

Temperatures can fall to more than minus 100 degrees centigrade; freezing winds can reach 200 mph; 99 per cent of it is permanently covered in ice averaging one mile thick and, surprisingly mountainous – having an average height higher than any other continent.

No-one lives there, but it is a very busy place, with more than 4,000 scientists in the summer from 30 countries carrying out research at 80 stations, but only 1,000 stay to work during its winter.

Emile Marco Palma became the first baby to be born in Antarctica in January 1979 and 10 more have been born since. It is a land base for many penguins and husky dogs, introduced in 1898, have been banned since 1994, to keep it virus-free.

The race to the South Pole between the Norwegian Roald Amundsen and Captain Robert Falcon Scott RN, is Antarctica's most popular story, but it was a one-man race.

Scott on his second trip to Antarctica naturally wanted to be the first to reach the pole, but to raise the funding needed for the expedition, he had to undertake a lot of time consuming scientific work and he duly carried out this responsibility to the end.

When the bodies of Wilson, Bowers, Evans and Scott were discovered eight months later, together with his diary and last letters to his wife, Kathleen, they found 35 lbs of rocks they had carried with them right to the end.

Oates, who left the tent saying: "I am just going outside and may be some time," was never found.

Scott had neither the experience nor comparable background that Amundsen had and, therefore, made more mistakes – but he was trustworthy.

It is not uncommon today to find people so driven by the need for personal fame that they will do anything to achieve it, and from his scheming it seems Amundsen was similarly

driven.

He borrowed the Arctic exploration ship, *Fram*, from famous explorer Fridtjof Nansen to mount, so he told everyone, an Arctic expedition. He surprised many when he arrived in Antarctica with one clear objective, to get to the pole before Scott.

This he did on December 14, 1911, five weeks before Scott and world leaders including King George V and Kathleen Scott, gave him the recognition he sought – but he was once described as "the most unhappy of all the polar explorers".

The bodies of Scott and his party were found eight months later, they were left in their tent, then a cross was made from their skis and the tent covered with a wall of snow.

They had died of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold 150 miles from base camp and 11 miles from the next food and fuel depot.

Amundsen went on to find further fame by crossing the Arctic from Spitsbergen to Alaska in an airship called the *Norge*, as airships were thought to hold great promise for travelling these great white deserts.

His reputation replenished, he retired but could never come to terms with the British reaction to his underhand conduct.

While searching for survivors of an airship

disaster, Amundsen's plane crashed and he disappeared without trace in 1928.

The *Terra Nova*, built in Dundee in 1884 as a whaling ship, had a crew of 65 and cost Scott £12,500 in 1909. The figurehead was removed from the ship prior to being sold in 1913 and given to the National Museum of Wales, in recognition of the Cardiff coal masters generous funding of Scott's expedition.

The ship foundered in World War Two, carrying supplies to Greenland on September 12, 1943, and its SOS was answered by the American Coast Guard patrol which was part of their Atlantic fleet.

The crew were taken off and the *Terra Nova* set alight, but had to be sunk by gunfire from the *USS Laurel* the following day.

Roald Amundsen's ship *Fram* is now preserved and on display in the Oslo Fram Museum.

With his wonderful photographs and intriguing stories of this amazing continent, Dr Sharpe opened a door on Antarctica for many U3A members and some may want to follow his advice to 'go and see it if you can'.

Contact Clive on 01656 783491 if you would like details on U3A.

Gary Victor

Charities are urged to bid for £16,000 bonanza

HILTON CARDIFF is giving away £16,000 to support young people across Bridgend – and is inviting charities to bid for a share of the donation.

The hotel is giving away the lump sum to registered charities, benefiting people under the age of 25 for projects they would otherwise be unable to afford.

The giveaway is facilitated by the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People, which aims to help local charities that offer services under the foundation's core themes, which include: children and young people who live with disabilities, children who are homeless or children who are suffering from life-limiting illnesses.

Projects by charities in south Wales that have recently been supported by Hilton Cardiff include buying specialist ski equipment for Pembrey-based Ice Cool Kids to enable children with disabilities to take part in

winter sports.

Other donations have aided in the purchase of a new respite caravan for the families helped by Kids Cancer Charity as well as money to help Your Pets Warehouse in Tonypany to train young people who have had difficulty in securing permanent employment.

Marie Fagan, general manager, Hilton Cardiff, said: "Inviting charities to tell us which projects they really need help with will ensure that the £16,000 is distributed to vital services which would otherwise not receive the funding they need."

"Whether they need just a small amount of the pot, or a larger sum towards bigger projects, we invite all charities supporting children and young people from across Bridgend to put their case forward."

Nominations should be sent in writing to The Executive Office, Hilton Cardiff, Kingsway, CF10 3HH or emailed to kirsty.mitchell@dmfpy.org. All applications must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, July 31.

GP surgery moves into Maesteg Hospital

A GP surgery has opened its doors in Maesteg Hospital after extensive redevelopment carried out by ABMU Health Board.

Last year, the board consulted residents over proposals to relocate the GPs and staff of Bron y Garn Surgery to a bigger and better new centre within the hospital.

The surgery had been struggling to provide the range of services and appointments it wanted to offer patients because its existing building was more than a century old and could not be expanded.

ABMU hosted an open event which saw around 200 Bron y Garn patients take a look around the six new consulting rooms, two treatment rooms and

phlebotomy room.

They were also able to talk to the GPs about the move to the new surgery, which has wide corridors, a light and airy waiting room and easy access throughout.

Among those present at the open day, and who has since returned to the surgery for a blood test, was 64-year-old Delyth Lucas.

Delyth, who lives in Cwmfelin and has been with the Bron y Garn practice all her life, said: "I think it's really good, a definite step in the right direction."

"It's a much better environment for the staff and patients. It's very bright and clean, with a lovely colour scheme."

"We were all very fond of the old surgery but this is the 21st century and we have to move with the times."

The extra space means ABMU can explore the

possibility of providing services delivered by other healthcare specialists, such as heart failure clinics, from within the new GP practice.

The new accommodation will provide space for Bron y Garn to work as part of a network with other GP practices serving the Llynfi Valley population to deliver more services locally.

The surgery will also become a teaching practice to train new GPs for the future, encouraging more of them to remain in Wales to work.

Dedicated disabled parking and some additional patient parking spaces have been provided.

The health board investment will also secure the future of Maesteg Hospital for the foreseeable future.

For a six-month trial period, ABMU is also financially supporting changes to the Easyway bus route so that it includes Maesteg Hospital.

The surgery opened on Monday (July 6). Senior partner Dr Sarah Medlicott said they were delighted to be relocating:

"The basic team and ethos of the practice will stay the same, but the excellent facilities and extra space will allow us to develop new services and improve the delivery of existing ones."

"General practice is under a good deal of pressure, and we were finding it hard to adapt within the constraints of our much-loved but outgrown previous site."

"As part of our immediate development, we look forward to welcoming a new doctor in training to the practice



in August."

In addition, a pharmacist will also be joining to provide medication support while training to become an independent prescriber.

Dr Medlicott said the extra space offered an opportunity to house specialist services more locally, and for closer working with existing hospital and community nursing services.

She said: "I would like to thank all those

involved in getting the project to completion, especially practice staff and particularly practice manager Ceri-Ann Morgan."

Hilary Dover, ABMU's director of primary and community care, added: "We are delighted Bron y Garn Surgery's move into Maesteg Hospital has provided such a good local resource to the people of Maesteg."

"Large numbers of

people from the local area came to the open day to have a look at the facilities and enjoyed being given a tour of the new facilities by the GPs and members of the primary care team."

"The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and many saw the great potential for improving patient care by having GP and hospital services together on the same site."

ABOVE:
From left – phlebotomist Helen Evans, Alison Brace (reception), practice manager Ceri-Ann Morgan, practice nurse Jane Grogan, Dr Will Redmond, Dr Sarah Medlicott, Jordann Marchetti (reception). (Photograph by third partner, Dr Mathew Morgan).

Retiring head is praised as school prepares for merger

YOUNGSTERS at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School in Kenfig Hill are in good shape ahead of a merger with the local juniors, according to their latest Estyn report.

The school's current performance and prospects for improvement have been praised by inspectors prior to a merger with Mynydd Cynffig Junior School this September, BCBC reported.

Coun Huw David, deputy leader of the council, congratulated headteacher Amanda Stanford for her "wonderful" leadership, as she prepares to retire from her role at the end of the summer term.

Thanks to excellent reports from Estyn, the school had been invited to prepare a written case study, so that other schools across Wales can learn from their example.

Estyn had said that the school's outcomes, standards, provision, teaching, care, support and guidance were all "good", along with the learning environment, leadership and management, partnership working and resource management.

Learning experiences were described as excellent, and nearly all pupils were said to make sound progress from their starting points, while teachers planned a range of interesting and stimulating activities which engaged and enthused pupils.

Strong and purposeful leadership also meant that the school's prospects for improvement were good, and there was strong teamwork throughout the school, Estyn said. A post-inspection action plan will now be drawn



Mynydd Cynffig Headteacher Amanda Stanford, who is retiring this month.

up so that the school can address recommendations made by Estyn, and its progress will be monitored by the local authority.

Coun David said: "I am delighted that Mynydd Cynffig Infants School has received such a positive report – and what a boost to the staff and pupils, with exciting plans to merge with the junior school just around the corner."

"I can't think of a better tribute to Amanda's leadership of this wonderful school than to receive a fantastic report like this from Estyn."

"Excellent judgements from Estyn are very rare because they identify national best practice, and I am particularly pleased that inspectors highlighted the exceptional progress that

older pupils make in developing their thinking skills."

"Looking ahead, I am sure the school will address the recommendations Estyn have made so that our youngsters can continue to learn and grow as they move up through the junior school and beyond."

Headteacher Amanda Stanford said: "Mynydd Cynffig Infants has always been a school at the heart of its community. It is the strong partnership that exists between pupils,

staff, parents and governors that was recognised in the recent Estyn Inspection, and which serves to make it a very successful school."

"I have spent 19 happy years in the school, working with delightful children and very dedicated staff and I will miss it greatly. However, I am positive that the exciting new era of Mynydd Cynffig Primary will continue to thrive, building on the success of both schools, and remain an inherent feature of the community of Kenfig Hill."

CHARITY COFFEE

Porthcawl Museum is holding a coffee morning in aid of the Mayor's charity fund at the Y Centre in John Street on Friday, July 17 at 10.30am. Entry is £1.50 and there will be a warm welcome for all; raffle, tombola, and topical quiz.

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Handover dinner at Bridgend Rotary Club



Gillian Hale.



Edward H Jones.



David Hubbard.



ABOVE: Outgoing president Sue and incoming president Allan.

THE Bridgend Club president's handover dinner evening was held at the Heronston Hotel on Monday, July 6.

Handing over the chain of office took place between the outgoing president, Sue Cassidy and the incoming president, Allan Reeks.

Sue stated that she was delighted to have had the honour of being elected to represent the club and its members over the past year, which had at times had its moments, but so much good work had been achieved and many thousands of pounds had been raised and distributed to local charities. She could only express her sincere thanks to the chairs and members of her committees for all of their hard work.

Allan expressed his wish to emulate the excellent work that Sue

had achieved during her year of office and looked forward to working with her, the chairmen and members of the various committees. These come together as a whole on major projects such as the Welsh Wiggle Dragon Cycle Ride, the biker fun ride, disabled fishing and football competitions, the Christmas collections and many many more fundraising activities.

He offered Sue, Dr Bob Broughton OBE, the club's president-elect and Major Wayne Morgan MBE (president nominee), his very best wishes for a coming year which will be filled with help, support and goodwill from all of the club members.

He reminded all in attendance of the Rotary International theme of 'Service Above Self' which they all clearly practice and hoped that this would continue through his year of office.

One of Sue's final acts was to present two of her Rotarian members with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the highest award possible in Rotary, to Edward H Jones and David Hubbard, both of whom had been selected to receive the award by fellow club members. Both had given outstanding and exceptional support to the club and Rotary in general over many many years.

There was also the award of Rotarian of the Year Award which was presented to Gillian Hale. The Harvey Palmer award was presented to Felicity Ladbroke, Chief Commissioner for Girl Guiding Cymru.

Her late father was a long time member and past president of Bridgend Rotary Club and her grandfather was a friend of Harvey Palmer.

Catherine Lewis who is a stalwart friend of the Bridgend Rotary Club and is always helping out at our many events (and provides the sumptuous buffet at our garden parties) presented the Harvey Palmer Award to Felicity.

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Memories of wartime YMCA 'oasis' in Italy

JERRY'S Porthcawl YMCA report (The GEM, July 2) evoked some happy memories for me when serving with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in Italy during the Allied Campaign, 1943-1945.

At one time, the advanced unit in which I was serving was deployed in the historic town of Iesi, within the province of Ancona.

The town had an opera house, as did many an Italian town, but what was of importance to the army was the location of a small, but valued YMCA, with a popular English lady in sole charge.

People today would not understand how much soldiers on active service appreciated the sound of an English woman's voice. During the war, 212,475 women enlisted in the ATS, but the War Office refused to send them overseas – including women doctors serving in the ATS, who had wished to join the all-male medical corps in the various war zones.

The YMCA at Iesi was well patronised by the troops. Unfortunately, there were no facilities to provide food, so men would have to make do with the popular 'tea and wads', or coffee.

I could never quite fathom why this odd mixture of biscuit/cake and jam was called 'wad', nevertheless, the men bought them whenever they visited the YMCA, at the same time seizing the opportunity to chat with their hostesses.

I should mention that in the Second World War, soldiers had no leave when overseas until the war was over, unlike troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Europe was in turmoil in 1945, and it took months for soldiers to get home.

The YMCA premises also served as a meeting place for TOC H, an inter-denominational organisation for the encouragement of Christian service and fellowship; founded at Poperinghe, Belgium, in December 1915, by two Anglican clergymen.

Talbot House, as canteen, club and chapel, was designed to be a place of rest for British soldiers when not in action.

The regular TOC H meeting at the YMCA was conducted by a Church of Scotland chaplain. The focal point of the evening was the customary ceremony of Light, when the chaplain lights the Lamp of Maintenance, and speaks Binyon's immortal words: "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them" (from *The Fallen*).

Binyon's words have since been widely adopted by the Royal British Legion at Remembrance services, but the record shows two Anglican clergymen, Rev PB Clayton and Rev Neville Talbot, were the true founders of TOC H, who were inspired by Binyon's words.

TOC H was incorporated by royal charter in 1922, the then Prince of Wales agreeing to be its patron.

Membership increased throughout Britain and the English-speaking world, but, sadly, after the Second World War, it withered away.

However, I have many happy memories of the YMCA and TOC H in Italy where the TOC H message was very much in evidence: "To think fairly; to love widely; to witness humbly; to build bravely."

Idris Berry,
Porthcawl.



Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogrw in Brackla showed their novel knowledge and passion for reading by reaching the finals of the Welsh National Book Quiz in Aberystwyth recently.

Well read! Pupils reach Book Quiz final

PUPILS at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogrw in Brackla showed their novel knowledge and passion for reading by reaching the finals of the Welsh National Book Quiz in Aberystwyth recently.

They narrowly missed out on victory, finishing sixth overall, but came second in the drama round for their adaptation of the book *Na Nel!* by Meleri Wyn James.

Young readers aged four to 11-

years-old can take part in the summer reading challenge at local libraries during the school holidays, taking on the challenge of reading six or more library books of their choice, and collecting stickers and rewards along the way! On completion of the challenge, children will receive a certificate or medal to treasure forever.

This year's theme is 'Record Breakers' and you can find out more at libraries across Bridgend county borough or online at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Primary school joins the 'green elite'



Pen-y-Fai School's Eco Elite.

AN allotment and greenhouse made out of recycled plastic bottles, helped Pen-y-Fai CIW Primary School to become the tenth Bridgend county borough school to receive the Platinum Eco-Schools Award from Keep Wales Tidy.

The prestigious accolade recognises the dedication of pupils and teachers in promoting all things 'green'.

A total of 48 local schools have been awarded at least one green flag so far, with the Platinum Award signifying that a school has been awarded the maximum four flags and has been engaged in the programme for more than a decade.

Among the initiatives at Pen-y-Fai CIW Primary School that impressed Keep Wales Tidy are their allotment and garden area, which is home to a range of fruit and vegetables, a mini beast 'mansion', and the greenhouse which has found an imaginative use for over 200 plastic bottles!

All of the pupils' fruit waste and recycled paper is composted, while the school also has a woodland storytelling area which they are looking to develop, as well as an orchard.

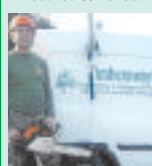
Headteacher Christina Bach said: "We are so proud to have achieved the platinum green flag award, which is a tribute to the hard work that teachers and pupils, both past and present, have put in over a ten year period."

"Year on year, we have tried to find new ways for our pupils to learn about the environment, and the opening of our new school premises around 18 months ago opened up even more opportunities. The pupils enjoy tending to the allotment and, as each year group has responsibility for different aspects in the garden, they have become quite competitive!"

"As a church school, we feel it is important to teach our pupils about God's planet and the environment, and we're looking forward to further developing our woodland area so that it is a place for reflective prayer as well as story-telling."

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THERE was plenty going on at the Bridgend Show last weekend.

Now settled in its showground at Pencoed College, the lure of free entry to the event encouraged local people to enjoy the sights and sounds of a traditional rural event, as the photographs here by Glyn Evans show very clearly.

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'Fair funding for Wales!' CALL BY OGMORE MP Concern over £1.5 billion cut in UK grant

HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES, MP for Omore, met council leaders and union representatives at an emergency Budget Day lobby in Parliament, to urge the UK government to give fair funding for Wales.

He said that council leaders and unions warned that jobs and essential public services are under increasing pressure across Wales, thanks to the UK Government's squeeze on spending.

The reduction in block grant funding from Westminster since 2010 means that the Welsh Government's budget is now £1.5bn less in real terms. This reduction has meant cuts to local authorities across Wales, forcing them to slash spending to the tune of £720m since 2010.

The Chancellor's emergency Budget revealed additional cuts for the Welsh block grant, and council leaders and unions state that greater austerity will cause a systematic dismantling of the services that maintain the very fabric of communities across Wales.

Huw Irranca-Davies said: "As public sector workers from Bridgend and across Wales brought their demands for a fair deal for Wales to Parliament, the Chancellor announced further cuts to the Welsh budget."

"Add to this the additional strain caused by tightening the screw on less wealthy families, who will be up to £260 worse off according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and it is clear that Wales has taken a direct hit once again from this Conservative Government."

The delegation to London on emergency

Budget day was organised by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), and the three unions with members in local councils – the GMB, UNISON and Unite.

Unison Wales Head of Local Government Dominic MacAskill said: "Successive cuts to local government spending in Wales are having a dramatic impact on an essential range of services that play a vital role for the health and well-being of the people we serve."

"Cuts to council budgets mean less money for services to support vulnerable people, which is a false economy. For example with councils less able to help people who need care in their own homes, individuals are having to turn to the health service for help – leading to increased pressure on already overwhelmed NHS services."

Regional AM hits at 'perversion of Islam' God is One, so is the human race

LEADERS of the Muslim community have been urged to "speak out against the twisted teachings which are corrupting young people, encouraging them to leave home to fight in Syria and Iraq or carry out atrocities on home soil".

In a speech at the Welsh Assembly last week, Welsh Conservative regional AM, Dr Altaf Hussain, condemned the attacks in Tunisia, Kuwait and France, saying: "Unfortunately, there are those who have corrupted the teachings of the Qur'an for their own political ends."

"IS and Al Qaeda justify their despicable acts based on a perversion of Islam and every attack damages Islam."

The AM for south-west Wales stressed that "the Muslim community

must speak out, to show that our religion is a religion of brotherhood, a religion of tolerance, and a religion of peace."

"I have always believed passionately in the integration of communities of all faiths and from all ethnic backgrounds. We should all oppose the forces that encourage segregation."

"It is my belief that God is One; so is the human race," he added.

WARD SURGERY

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, July 18 from 10am to 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, Kings Square. No appointment is necessary.

THE BARRY ARTS FEST IS BACK - AND SEES PLENTY ON OFFER!

TICKETS are now on sale for the fourth Barry Arts Festival, from July 18 in the seaside town.

This year's festival features a mixture of live performances, speakers and workshops for children and teenagers, during the first week of the summer holiday.

The festival kicks off on the morning of Saturday, July 18 on King Square with performances from local theatre groups, hosted by Radio Wales comedian Mike

Bubbins, before a packed week of events.

The always popular Talking Points includes an hour in conversation every night of the week with different famous people in Welsh society.

This year's highlights include former British Lion and Welsh rugby broadcaster and author, Eddie Butler (July 22), the conductor Haydn James (July 23), poet Menna Elfyn (July 24), SAFE Foundation founder Hannah Fitt (July 20) and former Foreign Office minister, Kim Howells (July 21).

Each event takes place at the Little Blue

Deli on High Street between 5pm and 6pm. Tickets are £7.50, including a cream tea.

Meanwhile, every night from Sunday onwards has a star attraction at Barry Island Sports and Social Club. Tickets there are £5 for each event, or £20 for a Golden Ticket for the whole week.

On Sunday, July 19 Son of Man, a continuation of the famous Welsh band, take to the stage, with readings from one of the founder members, Deke Leonard, from his new book.

Performers from the

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama perform their own drama on Monday July 20, while well-known comedy hypnotist Ian Dee takes to the stage on Tuesday, July 21.

July 22 has a choice of events. Performing at St Mary's Church on Holt Road will be the Cambria String Quartet and Adventus Saxophone Quartet.

Meanwhile, performers from the festival's own 'Treading the Boards' workshop, led by Vivien Care from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, will be showcasing their talents on the Barry Island stage.

All That Malarkey bring their classical cabaret show to Barry Island on July 23, having received four and five-star reviews at the Edinburgh Festival, and rave reviews when touring their unique mixture of well-known classics from the Beatles to Bruno Mars and Disney to Dusty Springfield.

The week closes on stage on July 24 with a performance of West End stage hit *Wicked*, from young Barry performers, following their own creative performing workshops through the week.

This year's festival also includes a photography workshop to improve your camera

skills on Monday afternoon, a street dance workshop on Thursday and a movies day on Friday.

Every weekday will see live music at the Buck Bar on Holton Road from 1pm to 3pm.

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THE LONDON GOVERNMENT SHOULD SHOW THAT IT CARES 'Squeezed young have never had it so bad'

THERE was a time in Britain when the Government in London took the view that it had a duty to help young people; if you were part of the generations that grew up between the early 1950s and mid 1980s (including myself) you benefited from that.

Houses were being built and mortgages relatively easy to get. In the 1970s especially, if your income kept pace with inflation then your mortgage payments plummeted every year as a percentage of your income. If you couldn't buy a house, there was plenty of council stock around to rent.

There were jobs and apprenticeships; there were good work pensions available and you could retire with a pension based on your final salary or wage, not on what your average income was over the course of your employment.

You could also retire in your 50s. If you couldn't get a job you were helped. If you went to university you could get a good



by **Carwyn Jones**
AM for Bridgend
and First Minister

grant, and you didn't pay fees.

You could claim housing benefit and you got benefits out of term. I was fortunate to catch the tail end of that.

Now the situation has changed. We know that young people have done the worst since 2010, while those over 60 have done the best.

If you're under 25 and in work you won't get the living wage. You won't get housing

benefit if you're under 21. If you have a job then you won't have a generous pension or even a pension at all. You'll work until you're 70. You'll find it difficult to find somewhere to rent and you'll find it very difficult to get a mortgage.

If you go to university, you'll have to pay some of your fees, and in England you'll pay three times as much as those living in Wales. You'll have a substantial debt when you leave.

You'll find there are many more people with degrees and the competition for jobs more severe.

Times are tough for the young and you would think that they would get a helping hand from London.

Instead, they are being squeezed. The UK Government knows that younger people tend not to vote and so they think they can target them with no comeback.

It's time for young people to vote, and to make their voices heard – and time for a UK Government that cares about their prospects.

45,000 SUFFERERS IN WALES... The dementia burden is shouldered by the family

REGIONAL Lib-Dem AM Eluned Parrott attended the recent launch of a new report by the Alzheimer's Society, 'The hidden cost of dementia in Wales', to show her commitment to improving care and support for people living with dementia, and their carers.

She joined Sue Phelps, director of Alzheimer's Society in Wales at the National Assembly for Wales to mark the report's release, which is the first of its kind to provide a financial breakdown of the cost of dementia to society in Wales.

The south Wales central AM said: "The hidden cost of dementia in Wales report reveals that in 2013 the total cost was £1.4 billion, an average cost of £31,300 per person per year.

"The report found that people

with dementia, carers and their families currently shoulder around two-thirds of the cost themselves. This amounts to £298 million for private care social care, and equivalent to £622 million in providing unpaid care to people with dementia."

Sue Phelps, director of the Alzheimer's Society in Wales said: "There are 45,000 people living with dementia in Wales and dementia is a challenge that cannot be overlooked.

"Costs of dementia will continue to rise unless we have a system that better supports both people with dementia and their carers.

"We need continued commitment and investment to ensure that we deliver the improvements in care and research that people with dementia and their loved ones deserve."

Alzheimer's Society provides a National Dementia Helpline, the number is 0300 222 11 22 or visit alzheimers.org.uk.



Eluned Parrott AM
with Sue Phelps,
director of Alzheimer's
Society in Wales.

Porthcawl couple jailed

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The pair, said Mr Kolville, were identified at the ATM machine on CCTV. When arrested, they both denied the allegation.

Richardson-Grey was said to have convictions for 14 offences, five for theft, and Davies had convictions for 23 offences, 17 for theft.

Rhodri Chudleigh, for Richardson-Grey,

said: "It has to be conceded that Mr Bond was targeted."

He said that from birth, his client had a serious heart condition.

"He has had several financial issues and

suffers depression."

Rod Chudleigh, for Davies, said: "The incidents were unpalatable. But there is a degree of remorse. At the time, the pair were short of money for food.

"She has a personality disorder, and has been receiving assistance."

The judge said that Mr Bond was effectively housebound and could probably be described as vulnerable.

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Out and About with The GEM

Story of lost Beach Boy strikes all the right notes



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POP stars and musicians don't tend to live the most straightforward of lives, but Brian Wilson's life is crazy, even by rock 'n' roll's usual standards.

Having been the creative genius behind The Beach Boys, Wilson's career and life were derailed by nervous breakdowns that meant years of ill-health. His relationship with his fellow Beach Boys suffered too.

In the 1980s, however, Wilson, with the aid of his wife and a psychotherapist, made a return to the public eye. But behind the scenes, things weren't as they seemed.

A story with a cinematic bent no doubt, and one that has now been brought to life by director Bill Pohlad in *Love & Mercy*; Paul Dano plays Wilson in his 1960s prime and John Cusack plays him in the 1980s.

Most music biopics tend to follow the same formula – quick telling of the subject's childhood (with possible tragedy included), the tough teenage years as they battle their way to the top, become disillusioned by success, symbolised by addiction or throwing away their talent, before ending on a high note as they conquer their demons and realise how blessed they are.

Love & Mercy circumvents much of this, even if some of the subject matter is present and correct, telling two fully-formed stories of Brian Wilson in his 1960s pomp and then his life in the 1980s, as he recovers from breakdown after health scare after breakdown.

As the story ricochets between these two time periods, with the rise and fall of each story strand foreshadowing the other, it certainly makes for an intriguing and interesting film, and one that is, by and large, very good indeed.

Given that the film is produced by Wilson, it cuts close to the bone and, thankfully, falls short of the sort of behaviour most of these films adopt when turning the subject matter into saintly figures. Instead, the film shows Wilson at both his highest highs (revolutionising pop music with the likes of *Pet Sounds*) and his lowest lows (the mental stress placed on him by

pushing sonic boundaries), with the clever narrative structure working incredibly well.

Under the direction of Michael Pohlad, the film slips gears quite effortlessly between the two timeframes, with Pohlad capturing the free-wheeling 1960s, and Wilson's adoption of the times, and the oppression he was under in the 1980s, exceptionally well.

It doesn't quite dig under the surface as deeply as it could (Wilson, in the 1980s, didn't see his family for several years under the instruction of his psychotherapist Eugene Landy, a major plot point here but one that does feel slightly undercooked), but for anyone versed in the life of Wilson you won't need too much exposition.

Pohlad draws incredible turns from his cast; Paul Dano, as 1960s Brian, is always watchable, but here he is

exceptional, bringing Wilson to life and capturing both his incredible capacity for invention and the fragility of a mind beaten down by his father.

Elizabeth Banks, another underrated actress, shines as the woman who meets 1980s Brian and falls for him, only to see their relationship stymied by the intervention of Landy (played here with steely zeal by Paul Giamatti).

Her love for Brian, is powerfully projected by the actress as she aims to free him from the chains of the man who claims he is doing him good.

The only slightly bum note comes from John Cusack – unlike Dano (who really pulls off looking like Wilson), there is very little resemblance, but the kooky performance from Cusack, while both good and in keeping with Wilson's issues, feels a little too

like John Cusack to convince.

There is no doubt the actor is trying his best, but the familiarity of the performance only makes you see John Cusack and not Brian Wilson.

This small blemish aside, *Love & Mercy* is a film that is a satisfying and interesting look at one of music's true geniuses. The execution is intriguing and falls short of the pitfalls many biopics fall into; fan or not, this is a story

well told.

VERDICT – *Hitting all the right notes*, *Love & Mercy* has a raft of strong performances and benefits greatly from its unusual narrative structure. It deals in more truths than many biopics, and Michael Pohlad has engineered a fine film from a beguiling story. **Highly recommended.**

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Charity tea at Royal Welsh

STAFF from Marks & Spencer Culverhouse Cross in Cardiff are inviting visitors to the Royal Welsh Show to join them for afternoon tea, all in aid of charity.

On Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23, visitors to the M&S stand at the Royal Welsh Show will be in for a treat as the Farmers' Lounge is opened up to the public for a very special afternoon tea.

Diners will be able to enjoy sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee in exchange for a donation to The Breast Centre, Cardiff, a dedicated breast cancer care centre offering access to doctors, nurses and surgeons.

Allison Jenkins, M&S Culverhouse Cross store manager, said: "We're delighted to be a part of the Royal Welsh Show this year and to be nominating the charity that will benefit from our afternoon tea."

National Gardens Scheme

THE following gardens are opening on the weekend of July 18 – 19, plus one on July 21 as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

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Barry Gardens
Barry, Glamorgan, CF63 4PP
TWO town gardens: 47 Aneurin

Road is an ever-changing small, vertical garden with a collection of over 30 clematis, fuchsias and cranesbill geraniums.

11 Arno Road is a redesigned plant lover's small garden with a new front garden, with unusual shrubs and shade loving plants.

Opening information: Sunday, July 19 (12pm – 5.30pm). Combined admission £3.50, child admitted free. Light refreshments.

The gardens in this group are: 47 Aneurin Road, and 11 Arno Road.

Creigiau Village Gardens
Maes Y Nant, Creigiau, Glamorgan, CF15 9EJ
ON the NW side of Cardiff and with easy access from the M3, J34, the village of Creigiau conceals a wonderful surprise in this trio of vibrant and innovative small gardens.

Each quite different, they combine some of the best characteristics of design and

planting for modern town gardens with the naturalism of old-fashioned cottage gardens.

Each has its own forte: at Waunwyll it is what has been achieved over four years and the coloured themed rooms.

At 28 Maes y Nant, cottage garden pastoralism reigns. This is in complete contrast to the strong architecture of 31 Maes y Nant, where the design coordinates water, the garden room and planting, including a small scale prairie.

Anyone looking for ideas for a garden in an urban setting will not go away disappointed; enjoy a warm welcome, home-made teas and plant sales.

Opening information: Sunday, July 19 (11am – 5pm). Combined admission £5, child admitted free. Home-made teas at 28 Maes-y-Nant and Waunwyll.

The gardens in this group are: 28 Maes y Nant, 31 Maes y Nant, Waunwyll.

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Four years after life-changing accident, top cyclist returns... Paralympic champ Simon dreaming of getting back in saddle at Vale fundraiser

A cycling fundraiser in the Vale on Saturday, August 1, may see Paralympic champion Simon Richardson back in the saddle of a two wheel bike after a break of almost four years.

Simon, a double gold medalist, suffered multiple injuries in 2011 when he was knocked off his bike on the A48 during his preparations for the London Paralympics.

He suffered injuries to the back, sternum, his legs, pelvis – along with a collapsed lung. At the time he was put in an induced coma.

Since then he has undergone a series of back operations and had to fight a battle against depression.

Recently, a former sponsor pledged to help Simon by providing him

with an electric wheelchair to help him get out of the house.

But his fellow villagers in Llanmaes, some of whom are keen cyclists, wanted to do more to help his continuing recovery.

Miguel Sutcliffe, one of the organisers of the #cycleforsimon campaign, explained: "After Simon received help from a former sponsor to get an electric wheelchair, we wondered what more we could do to help.

"A weights machine and treadmill will help with his recovery, and anything left over will go to Wales Air Ambulance which helped airlift Simon when he had his accident.

"The event is taking place at 10am at the Blacksmiths Arms in Llanmaes on Saturday, August 1.

"It is not a race, just a cycle event for people to

by TIM CHAPMAN

enjoy. There is a choice of routes – one of 60km which heads down to Southerndown, and a 36km one which turns back at Colwinston.

"It is a minimum of £10 a rider and people must wear helmets.

"After the cycle ride there will be a barbecue at the Blacksmith's Arms.

"It will be Simon's first time in the saddle since the life-changing

accident four years ago. He only got the green light from the surgeon a week ago."

People can make a larger donation if they wish or get sponsorship to boost their contribution.

Simon told The GEM: "We're building the bike right now and hoping we can get it into the right position for me to ride. I have metal in my back which means I can't bend forwards. I'll have to test the bike and see what happens.

"If I'm unable to ride

the bike, I'll use the trike (a three wheeler).

"Recovering has meant dealing with injuries and the mental side. It's great that people are organising the event, and it will help with rehabilitation equipment."

Darren Kenny, another Paralympic champion, will attend the event to add his support for Simon.

For more information on the event, go to Facebook: Cycle for Simon; or go to Twitter: @CycleforSimon.



Two of the event organisers, Miguel Sutcliffe (left) and Richard Crook (right) with Simon Richardson.

BEFRIENDING GROUP'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY



ABOVE: Volunteers, beneficiaries and partners of the 'Community Companions' project at the celebration event.

THE Big Lottery-funded 'Community Companions Befriending for Over-50s' project, recently celebrated its fourth year at a special event in Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.

Led by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), the project is free of charge to socially isolated people aged over 50 throughout Bridgend county borough.

With special guests Janice Gregory AM, Clare Lane from the Older People's Commission and Simon Jones from the Big Lottery Fund, over 60 project beneficiaries, volunteers and partner organisations joined the celebration.

Janice Gregory said: "Community Companions is a great scheme and I was delighted to be a part of the event. Befriending and helping people who experience loneliness and isolation is so very important and I applaud those who are prepared to volunteer their time to help others."

Charity's birthday ball

Y BONT's 18th birthday charity ball is on Friday, September 11 at 7.30pm.

It takes place at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch.

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Burt Bacharach delivers an impeccable show at Centre

THERE are few writers with a songbook to equal that of Burt Bacharach's.

Having started his career as a bandleader for the likes of Marlene Dietrich in the 1950s, Bacharach soon felt the calling of New York and

the Brill Building, a haven for songwriters who thought nothing of writing several hits a day for popular artists.

Working with lyricist Hal David, the pair soon hit a groove that resulted in countless smash hits, an enviable body of work, and a place in the pantheon of the all-time greats.

Coupled with his work on motion pictures, writing and scoring for the likes of *Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid* and the *Arthur* films starring Dudley Moore, the term legend, so overused in these times, is most definitely applicable to him.

Taking to the stage of the Wales Millennium Centre on July 5, the packed crowd (having been nicely warmed up by Georgia Train's melodic and stripped back piano/vocals combination) afforded Bacharach a rapturous applause that set the tone for the evening.

Backed by a huge band, comprising a string and horn section, and fronted by singers Josie James, John Pagano and Donna Taylor, Bacharach led them through a two-hour show that was jam-packed with hits, and selections from a

career littered with success.

Giving each vocalist the opportunity to shine individually, the song choices were exceptional, with Taylor's take on Etta James' 'Waiting For Charlie To Come Home' the standout, though neither Pagano nor James were shortchanged.

In between songs, Bacharach would talk about the music he's written, why certain pieces he held in higher regard than others ('Three Wheels On My Wagon' is not his most beloved composition!) and about working with artists such as Tom Jones and Manfred Mann.

The selections from his film soundtracks were also a delight, with the likes of 'The Look of Love', 'Arthur's Theme' getting an airing, while the love theme from *Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid* was affirmation, if any were needed, of his compositional skills.

played simply but effectively.

Debuting a new song, 'Hush', from a musical called *Some Lovers*, which had just premiered in America, showed that the 83-year-old shows no signs of stifling his creative urge just yet.

As the appreciative audience, fully aware of the genius on the stage in front of them, rose for a standing ovation that took some time to abate, the band finished off the show with 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head'.

To witness such fine songs, played, in part, by one of the men behind them, was a truly magical experience, and as the crowd filed out, having given Bacharach one more standing ovation, the murmurs of appreciation were more than apparent.

It's fair to say, Mr Bacharach, that it's not just this guy - Cardiff is in love with you!

Review by
Gareth Jamieson

MAYOR'S COFFEE

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian invites the public to join him in the Lesser Hall for a cream tea on Saturday, July 18 between 1pm and 4.30pm, in aid of his charities - Prostate Cymru and the Motivation and Learning Trust. All welcome; admission £3.

'AHOY THERE, ME HEARTIES... it's Ty Hafan family fun day!'

MORE than 2,500 visitors flocked to Ty Hafan's pirate-themed annual family fun day on Saturday, July 4.

As well as fairground rides, craft stalls and outdoor games - visitors enjoyed a treasure hunt plus appearances from Jack Sparrow, Jake the Neverland Pirate, and Tinkerbell.

The sun was shining for the Sully charity's fun day, where the crowds were also entertained by Bro Radio, the fantastic Rock Choir, live bands and local dance troupes. Visitors also enjoyed hospice tours - where they could see at first-hand the amazing facilities at Ty Hafan.

"The pirate theme was extremely popular and the atmosphere was fantastic," said Emily Fradd, marketing and events officer at Ty Hafan.

"Staff were extremely busy taking tours around the hospice all afternoon. The fun day is a great opportunity for us to be able to show the public around and bring them up-to-date with the breadth of services we offer in the hospice, and in the family home, to the hundreds of life-limited children, young people



and their families across Wales. "There was lots of fun and smiles everywhere. It was a wonderful day all round and I would like to thank all those who came along, especially our amazing volunteers, who made it so special."

"Ty Hafan would also like to thank Dow Corning for sponsoring the event, Aberthaw Power Station for sponsoring the activity on the main stage, Barry Island Pleasure Park for sponsoring the fantastic pirate ship and the Associated British Ports for sponsoring the treasure hunt."

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Local postman lands £2.6m Lotto jackpot

A POSTMAN from Barry is celebrating after scooping a £2,604,015 Lotto jackpot on Wednesday, July 8.

Matthew Evans (35), was the only person to match all six numbers in the Lotto draw, making him an instant member of The National Lottery's exclusive millionaire club.

Matthew, who has worked as a postman for eight years, had just finished work on Friday when he decided to pop to his local shop to check his Lotto numbers. When the ticket went into the machine, the winning sound went off and Matthew thought that he must have won big but had no idea of the amount of his prize.

Matthew said: "When the machine went crazy, the manager of the shop came over and made me sign my ticket there and then before sending me home to phone Camelot.

"I started shaking thinking I must have won about £20,000. It wasn't until I logged on at home that I realised I had matched six numbers but when the

lady from Camelot told me that I'd won £2,604,015, I really couldn't believe it.

"I was in shock on Friday night so just celebrated with my parents and had a few drinks, but on the Saturday I already had tickets for the Ashes in Cardiff so I went along with my mates as planned.

"I told them my news and they were over the moon. They did let me buy the first round but after that, they made me put my wallet away."

As well as being a cricket fan, Matthew is a keen Cardiff City supporter and has had a season ticket for 17 years. However, even though he could easily afford to upgrade his seats, he plans to stick with the ones he has had since the stadium opened, only switching to hospitality for the occasional game – including the first of the new season against Fulham on August 8.

Matthew also follows the Welsh team and has already booked to go and watch them in Cyprus in September. If the national squad makes it through to the European Cup Finals, he now plans to head out to France to watch them.

Matthew said: "I've always loved watching sport and this win means that as well as looking after my family, I can travel the world, watching my teams

play. There are lots of trips on my wish list, including the Ashes in Australia and watching the Baltimore Orioles in America, but the one I'm most excited about is taking my Dad to watch the Monaco Grand Prix."

While he hasn't yet decided whether to give up work as a postman, he has taken four weeks off to enjoy his winnings and to shop for a new house and a new car.

"I've been saving up to buy a house for years and now I don't have to worry anymore and can just buy whatever takes my fancy. I'm also going car shopping next week and can't wait to upgrade my 16 year old Lexus," Matthew added.

Matthew is an occasional Lotto player and his winning numbers, on a Lucky Dip ticket, were 3, 10, 35, 38, 40 and 41. The winning ticket was purchased in One-Stop, Cwm Talwg, Barry.



Matthew Evans.

Balloons go up in town centre

BRIDGEND'S new arts and culture venue, Carnegie House, is hosting an inflatable frenzy this week with 'Green House', an arts project where people are invited to walk through a netted dome filled with 2,000 green balloons!

The project is aimed at all ages and explores connections between space, light and sound.

Members of the public can take about five minutes to walk through the balloons, exploring a unique 'soundscape'.

The event is funded by the Arts Council of Wales as part of the Carnegie House's summer programme of events at the Wyndham Street

venue, which formally housed Bridgend library.

The event is running today Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17 with sessions at 10am-2pm and 4.30pm-7.30pm. A session will also run on Saturday, July 18 from 10am-4pm, before people are invited back on Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm for the Pop-Party where all the balloons have to go!

BCBC cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Coun Phil White, said: "It's great to see that there are a range of interesting events at the former library in its new capacity as an arts and culture hub."

For more information on events at Carnegie House visit www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk or call 016565 815757.

Local group take a stand against bullies

MORE than 50 people recently took a 'Big Step' against bullying, walking 18 miles to raise awareness and funds for Stand Against Bullying (SAB), a new group looking to try to reduce bullying.

The walk, supported by Valleys to Coast, was from Nantymoel to Kenfig Nature Reserve in June.

Wearing bright green t-shirts, sponsored by Hugh James solicitors, the group received a warm welcome at the finishing line with live music by Porthcawl Rock School and a number of local artists.

Jamie Uren, chair of SAB said: "As a young person who experienced bullying, I believe everyone, no matter their age, gender or race deserves the right to live their lives without the fear of being bullied."

Coun Richard Young, the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, who took part in the walk, said: "It was an honour to be asked by SAB, who are so passionate about their cause, to be a trustee for the group and what a privilege to be involved with the Big Step Against Bullying."

"It was wonderful to see so many young people do the walk this year, especially when the weather forecast was so unpredictable, they were all great!"

Finola Pickwell, youth development worker at BCBC said: "A special thank you to the Western Beacons Mountain Rescue team who ensured that the route was safe and who were present on the day to ensure the walkers' safety."

"Also to South Wales Police and, in particular, PC Paul Evans, who cycled the whole route and assisted with road crossings along the way. "Finally, many thanks to both the Wesley Centre in Tondy for providing a much needed break and Kenfig

Nature Reserve for allowing the group to use their facilities!"

For more information on the group and how you can get involved contact Paige at SABullying@outlook.com.

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'ASTOUNDINGLY GOOD BUDGET FOR WALES' – Tory leader claims

LAST week's budget was the first full Conservative budget since 1996 and – make no mistake – it is an astoundingly good budget that supports communities across the Vale of Glamorgan, puts more money in people's pockets, prioritises the NHS and makes work pay.

Earlier this year, I called for a living wage in Wales and in the summer budget, the Chancellor delivered it.

I welcome the new national living wage wholeheartedly. This is one of the biggest examples of Conservatives delivering in government in living memory.

It rewards hard work, it means £9 an hour by 2020, and every political party in Wales should echo our thoughts and applaud the announcement.

Across Wales, 167,000 people have already been taken out of income tax by Conservatives in government, while 1.2 million have had an income tax cut.

And we will not stop there. Not just a living wage, but fuel duty frozen again, with the average driver having already saved £675 since Labour's fuel duty escalator was scrapped, an increase to the tax-free personal allowance, from £10,800, to £11,000 from next April, and a further promise of guaranteed levels of funding for Wales.

This budget is about aspiration. It promotes security and it ensures families are better off. Recently, in Rhosce, in the Vale of Glamorgan, the Welsh Conservatives launched an innovative offer for first-time buyers in Wales, led by a six-month council tax holiday.

In the budget, there was confirmation of the introduction of a Help to Buy ISA. More support. More help to get on the housing ladder.

In a time of increasing uncertainty in the world, there was also a commitment to meet the Nato target of spending two per cent of GDP on defence which will go some way to ensuring British people can feel

safe both at home and abroad.

The Welsh NHS will benefit as result of the budget too. In Wales, it's managed by Labour ministers in Cardiff Bay. They've refused to protect the health budget, despite the UK Government protecting England's NHS.

The Chancellor is to provide an additional £8 billion and further proof of Conservative priorities. That will mean more money for Wales and I implore Labour ministers to use it wisely and ease the pressure they've piled on our frontline staff.

Andrew RT Davies AM,
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, July 21 at 10am,
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Bontfaen/Cowbridge
Llyfrgell/Library, CF71 7AH.

Also on July 21 at 5pm, 'Walk and click', starting at Gileston beach car park.

On Wednesday, July 22 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at the visitor centre at Cosmeston country park, CF64 5UY.

On Sunday, July 26 at 2pm, 'Coast, Lakes and Railway', starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

On Tuesday, July 28 at 2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers

meet outside the Town Hall in Llantwit Major.

On Wednesday, July 29 at 10am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry, CF62 6SW.

On Thursday, July 30 at 10am 'Going backwards', starting at the Horse and Jockey pub, Twyn-yr-Odyn, Wenvoe, CF5 6BG.

Tax advice

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Archbishop joins in the celebrations at 900-year-old church

THE Archbishop of Wales celebrated the 900th anniversary of one of Wales' oldest churches this week – and was played in by musical instruments dating back to the time it was built.

Instrumentalists from the Contraband group struck up their shawms and dulcimer – instruments from the Medieval era – and accompanied singers from the St Donat's Chamber choir as they sang sacred music from the 16th Century, a spokeswoman reports.

The festival service on Sunday was one of many events taking place throughout this year to mark the 900th anniversary of Ewenny Priory Church, which is the most complete Norman church in south Wales and is still a thriving centre of Christian worship.

The church was built by William de Londres for a group of Benedictine monks. Today, the building is in two parts – the nave, which is used for worship, and the monastic end (the Presbytery) which has been restored by Cadw. Sunday was chosen as it was closest to the Festival Day of St Benedict (July 11).

About 150 people packed into the church for the service and joined in the 'Wayfarer's Lunch' in the Presbytery afterwards. All around were beautiful displays of floral arrangements created by various church groups for a flower festival held over the



Archbishop Barry and Archdeacon Philip.

weekend. In his address, the Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan, said Ewenny Priory had served as a symbol of the Christian faith for generations.

He said: "This church stands as a reminder that there is a God in whom we believe and that forming a relationship with Him is essential if we are to live life in all its fullness. It stands as a reminder as well to the whole community that the values of the Gospel are crucial in a world that so often disregards them."

"It stands as a symbol of the Christian faith and all that Christians believe in."

However, he added, more important than the building were the people it nurtured – the "living stones": this building on its own cannot convince people that there is a God and that love, compassion and grace are at the heart of Jesus's revelation of the nature of God.

The Archdeacon of Margam, Philip Morris, who is also Priest-in Charge at Ewenny, organised the service. Following the lunch, he cut the anniversary cake – made by parishioner Mrs Mary Evans.

There was also a chance to look at an exhibition of artwork by children from local schools, following their visits to the Priory Church as part of a school project.

MACMILLAN ADVICE BUS

MACMILLAN Cancer Support's mobile bus service will stop off in Bridgend next week to offer information and support to people affected by cancer at Tesco Extra, Cowbridge Road, on Wednesday, July 22 from 10am-4pm.

A team of information and support specialists will be on board 'Bertie bus' to offer free, confidential advice and support to anyone with a concern or a question relating to cancer. No appointment is necessary and everyone is welcome.

Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales, Susan Morris, said: "More than 5,030 people in Bridgend are living with, or beyond cancer. With the number rising to over 9,460 in Wales by 2030, each of these people will need support and information."

"At Macmillan, we know how a cancer diagnosis can affect everything and we're here to support you. If you have any worries or questions about cancer, whether it's about you, a relative or friend, come and talk to our team during Bertie's visit to Bridgend."

As treatments improve, more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives; in Bridgend, 812 people are diagnosed with cancer each year.

"Our mobile information bus units travel around the UK visiting local

communities, providing cancer information and advice on the ground. In 2014, Bertie visited all health boards in Wales and 2,575 people visited the units in Wales that provide information and support to people affected by cancer.

Anyone unable to

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Falcon fun day for the family

RSPB Cymru is holding a Falcon fun day on July 23-24 from 10am-4pm, in front of the National Museum Wales building in Cardiff city centre.

"The fun day will be packed with fun events and activities, plus the chance to see the fastest falcon in the world – the peregrines that nest on Cardiff City Hall clock tower – up close through telescopes," said James Bainton from RSPB Cymru.



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The Welsh Dragon roars in Bucharest!

THE Dance World Cup competition took place in Bucharest, Romania this year and for the first time ever, a team of just five qualified to represent their small nation, bearing the Welsh flag at the opening ceremony on June 27.

They competed in song and dance, ballet and contemporary dance. Even on a first run, the five competitors from south Wales (who trained with the Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet and the Ella Morgan School of Dance) did not return

empty handed.

Miriam Bennett, (19), came fourth in the world in the senior ballet solo category, dancing a variation from *Le Corsaire*.

In the junior modern contemporary solo category, Rachel Bent, who had her 16th birthday in Bucharest, won a bronze medal and was proudly able to wave the Welsh flag on the international stage.

Huw Boucher (12), Millie Jenkins (12) and Alys Thomas (10), all performed to a very high standard, too, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of representing their country, alongside England, Germany, Malaysia, Japan, South



Africa, Spain and many more countries from around the world.

Anyone interested can read about the team's experiences on the team blog.

Waitrose, Cowbridge is currently supporting Team Wales through its community matters scheme, so please place your tokens in the appropriate box in store.



It is very much hoped by all those who took part this year, that their trip will be the first of many and that Team Wales at the Dance World Cup will grow and continue the early success.

Next year, the competition moves to Jersey - so, dancers, start practising now!

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IT'S FULL THROTTLE FUN AS THE DAREDEVILS ROAR IN!

SCOTT MAY'S Daredevil Stunt Show - The Greatest Show on Wheels - is coming to Laleston Circus Field, Bridgend, on Sunday, July 19 at 3pm (gates open at 2pm).

It is a fast moving, action packed show with Monster Truck destruction, Europe's only monster ride-truck, car-crushing action from

Thundertrax (a tank/monster truck hybrid), motorcycle, quad and all-terrain buggy jumps, car crashes, amazing fire stunts and much, much more.

Spectators will also witness an incredible two-wheel driving display using a quad, buggy, car, van and (believe it or not) a lorry on two wheels at some venues, where the ground conditions are suitable!

A new edition to the

show in 2015 is the Wheelie Cool Bus, which weighs in at around 15 tonnes and performs incredible balance wheelies across the arena.

We have a Freestyle Motocross ramp system, where you can see some of the UK's top FMX athletes flying between ramps at heights approaching 40 feet, pulling off insane tricks and manoeuvres. This will be an adrenaline fuelled high flying performance which will

amaze the audience and will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the show.

Scott May has been touring with his stunt show throughout the UK for 25 years and brings an unrivalled reputation and level of skill to his daredevil show. In the few years Scott and his team have completed nationwide tours of England, Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand.

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Those spectators daring enough to ride in one of the show's mega monster machines have the chance to win a ride in Europe's only ride on monster truck. The truck aptly named 'Slaine' has 10 seats in the back to thrill the lucky winners who dare to enter the draw.

As well as a ride on monster truck there is a second monster truck, 'The Bandit' and an adapted tracked vehicle 'ThunderTrax', which both cause massive destruction. Other exciting features of the show involve fire, pyrotechnics and the infamous Stunt clown, who will be bouncing into things and causing trouble wherever he decides to get involved...

Ticket prices are adults £12 and children £6, which are only available from the gate on the day of the show (there are no advance tickets).

A fireman's tale from the nostalgic days of steam...

DESIGNED in 1923 by engineer Charles Collet who had followed the principles of his predecessor, George Jackson Churchward, the Castle Class locomotives, of which 171 were constructed, were an instant success.

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When competing against the larger A1 Flying Scotsman pacifics/specifics??? of the LNER and locomotives of the LMS in the 1925 exchange trials, the Castle Class proved themselves superior in both cases.

In 1961, Canton driver Eddy Gerrish and myself boarded engine 4076 Carmarthen Castle, to work an excursion which had arrived from Swansea on to Weston-super-Mare.

With 10 coaches on, the load was well within the maximum loading of 13-14 coaches at 500 tons. With the signals set at clear and a wave from the guard's green flag, we were on our way.

The speed settled to 65mph, well inside the 100mph these



Speeding through Barry Station in 2001 and carrying the Red Dragon headboard, is Nunney Castle 5029, one of the seven survivors of the Class left, en route from Swansea to London. Picture by Tony Nicholas

engines were capable of, as the four cylinders supplied power to the efforts by turning 6ft 8½ driving wheels.

Firing into the 10-foot long firebox at regular intervals kept the steam pressure at 225psi, these engines burnt a ton of coal every 50-60 miles.

Water consumption was about 40 gallons per mile and was drawn via the two injectors from the 4,000 gallon tender

water tank filled at Cardiff into the boiler, the level of which I maintained at a half to three-quarters full.

Arriving at Weston-super-Mare, the passengers alighted for their five-hour stay. We, meanwhile, turned the engine on the turntable ready for the return journey.

Prior to leaving, I assisted Eddy in oiling the 200 or so lubricating points on the engine. He, in turn, helped me shovel several tons of coal from the back of the tender to the firing point at the front.

Using about a half a ton of coal, I made the fire up for the return trip, which went very well.

Arriving in Cardiff, we were relieved by the Llandore crew, who then continued back to Swansea.

After numerous trips as a second man on the now rapidly-introduced diesel engines, I became disillusioned with the job and likened it to that of a painter/artist whose paints, brushes and canvas are taken away and replaced by a camera - so I left in 1965.

TONY NICHOLAS, Former Great Western fireman at Barry, Oxford, Cardiff Canton, Cardiff East dock; 1953-1965 - Engine sheds.

Families First in council flagship

RIGHT: The Mayor with all students and Mr Mark Davies (back row) - with help from Baby Seren!

AS part of the development of Families First services, Mark Davies, the children and young people's partnership manager from school improvement and inclusion services at the Vale Council, has launched a flagship range of E-learning modules for all staff (council and non-council) to access.

These covered a broad range, including children and young peoples mental health, deaf awareness, Downs Syndrome, epilepsy, learning disability, visual disability and ASD/Asperger's.

Mark Davies said: "Using the knowledge gained from both the E-Learning and training course, work was done with the YMCA College to develop accreditation. The training has been an outstanding success, developing strong links with local youth provider All Youth Matters and the YMCA college".

Mayor of the Vale, Coun Fred Johnson, welcomed everyone to the parlour and presented the students with their Families First Certificates.



MP OPENS FUN DAY



THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, officially opened the Victoria Park fun day in Barry on Saturday, and later shared the fun with local groups.

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LAST SCHOOL REPORT AT LLANTWIT... **Eagleswell Primary – SOON TO BE GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN**

by GARETH RICHARDS

IT has been a very busy summer term at Eagleswell Primary School in Llantwit Major, where pupils in Key Stage 2 have been on educational visits to enhance their Cornerstones projects.

Years 4, 5 and 6 recently visited the ACE building at Aberthaw Power Station to learn about the wildlife and different habitats that support these.

Highlights were the moth traps and looking closely at these clever insects. The visit culminated with a nature walk around the biodiversity site and the tidal lagoon.

Year-3, determined not to be outdone, went on three school trips. The first of these was to the Rhondda Heritage Park. Their project this term has been the 'Children of the Revolution'.

Much to Mr Richards' disappointment, it has had nothing to do with his T-Rex vinyl collection – the pupils have been learning about life during Victorian times.

It is hard for us to imagine a landscape dominated with coalmines; however, our journey underground, allowed a small taste of the harsh conditions faced by the people of the south Wales valleys.

Every pupil braved the journey underground

and got to experience the dangers that went with the quest for 'Black Gold'.

Their second visit was to the MoD camp at St Athan, which allowed the pupils to refine their journalistic skills, from our participation in the Talk for Writing scheme with Mrs Kathryn Heath.

One of our pupils, Jaimee, had been speaking to her parents about it and before you could say...Eagleswell Echo, Mr Miller along with Jane Bissett and Squadron Leader Jones had arranged a fantastic visit to interview personnel at St Athan – and see how all of the different roles come together to allow the whole RAF to work efficiently and effectively.

We even managed to sample some of the cooking and try out the rowing machines! A huge thank you to all involved in giving us such a brilliant experience.

Year-3's final visit was to the Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans. Mrs Baker had come into school to talk to the pupils about education in Victorian times.

She also brought in her marvellous collection of artefacts from the Victorian schoolroom. All the pupils had to wear Victorian clothing in order to feel the part, and as soon as we stepped off the coach, we were all back in 1895.

Many a tourist's photo album will have



Eagleswell pupils marching up to Ysgol Maestir schoolroom. Curtsey and the doffing of caps made the experience all the more realistic.

Mrs Baker made sure the pupils got as much out of the schoolroom as they possibly could, starting with drill in the yard before moving inside.

The Welsh NOT was handed out several times, as the pupils were not permitted to use any other language apart from English. Poor old Luke forgot this, and answered the attendance register with "Yma".

Ink pens were handed out and the art lesson consisted of observation drawing of a carrot. Mr Richards, the student teacher, was the constant source of Mrs Baker's wrath as his shoes were too noisy and he had not prepared the essential equipment.

Luckily, neither he nor any pupil was subjected to the dreaded cane. The lesson culminated with play, using Victorian playground toys.

Thank you to Mrs Baker and Mrs Bance for making our journey back

in time such a memorable and realistic one.

Blooming Marvellous
OUR Eco Eagles have really tried to make our last year here at Eagleswell, such a special one.

Our conservation area celebrated its 25th anniversary and a party was held in its honour with parents/ pupils and staff who were here from its beginnings – a book outlining all the initial designs and plans, as well as newspaper reports, was proudly displayed for all to read and remember.

Thank you to Mrs Richards and the superb Eco Eagles for all their hard work in arranging this day.

The annual school garden competitions began with the Llantwit Major Town Council competition. This year's theme was butterfly/ kitchen garden. Our conservation area was filled with butterfly feeders and wild flowers had been sown in order to attract these colourful insects.

A new 'bug hotel' was constructed and the old one was extensively renovated. Nursery pupils grew grass caterpillars and their own garden was transformed into a butterfly sanctuary.

In fact, the whole school was actively involved in helping, with year-6 designing and planting brightly coloured flowers in a symmetrical butterfly design.

We received a highly commended award for the nursery section and were awarded second place in the junior section.

We were fortunate enough to come first in last year's Best Kept Village school garden competition, and last Tuesday saw the results being announced in the prestigious surrounding of Dyffryn Gardens.

Mrs Kelly announced the results of the nursery competition. Alas, no mention of Eagleswell. Next, came the junior results. Owen and Osian had their green fingers crossed as the names of the winners were read out: "And this year's winning school is ... EAGLESWELL!"

What an achievement to win two years running. Our thanks go out to all the pupils and staff for giving up their time, including weekends, to



Year-3 pupils handling 'black gold' at Rhondda Heritage park.



Year-6's butterfly garden.

make our gardens all the more beautiful.

Thanks also to Mr Chris Roberts of Boverton Nurseries, for his generous donations and expert advice on the types of flowers that butterflies were attracted to.

Last, but not least, to the judges for their extremely positive comments and also their sadness in thinking about what the future holds for our award-winning school grounds.

Year-3 school visit (reports)

THE whole of year three and some adults went on a school coach trip on June 17 to interview people who work on the camp in St Athan by coach.

When we got to the camp, we went into the briefing room and had some biscuits and squash. When we were having our biscuits and squash, a lady called Jane Bissett and a man called Squadron Leader Jones, told us all about what we had to do and he explained that we had two weeks to get our newspaper reports done.

We were split into five groups: I was in the orange group. In orange group there was Frankie, Lydia, Rory, Ethan and I. The orange leader was Jane Bissett.

Soon we got to the mess – a canteen for the people who worked in the camp. We met Mrs Anne Thomson, the head

chef, who gave us some squash.

We asked Mrs Thomson how many people she fed, and she answered 600 people each day. At the mess, there are eight chefs, including Mrs Thomson.

After a little while, Neil Airey came out of the kitchen and Frankie and Rory realised he was their football coach!

Someone asked: "How much bread do you have?" and she said ten loaves of white bread, five loaves of wholemeal, three loaves of brown bread and six loaves per day.

In the mess, the items they used were gas ovens, hot cabinets and mixers and some other items.

In 1974, Mrs Thomson was in the RAF. She starts at 5am and finishes at 6.30am. The RAF have to eat their dinner in half an hour.

Soon we got to the coach and had a tour around the camp. When we got to the hangar we were put in our groups again. My leader was Flash. He showed us some planes. "There were lots of planes," I remarked.

I asked lots of questions about the planes. We didn't get to sit in the plane because we didn't have an engineer with us.

My question was: "How many parachutes were there?"

We had a photo taken

and went back in the coach, saying goodbye. Unfortunately, we went back to school!

Report by JASMINE WILLIAM
Air Cadets for a day!

ON Wednesday, June 17 year-3 from Eagleswell visited the St Athan camp.

First we got dropped off at the briefing room to collect our interviewing missions. I was in lilac/white group containing obviously me, Kortney, Kieran, Thomas, Bailey and Harley.

We were given the roles of Eagleswell news-hounds – by the way, we went by coach.

We went to the gymnasium, where there was a wooden gym and stone gym.

In the wooden gym, we were met by Flight Sergeant Dean Morgan,

who ran the gym. After we met the Sergeant, we went to a staff-only room where troops weren't allowed – that's where we gathered information.

Flight Sergeant Morgan was born in Barry, so he's local. When we were leaving the gym, we saw troops climbing ropes after a two-mile run.

When we exited the building we popped on to the coach to pick up the other groups.

When we picked them up, we went to Flight School – I loved that part, because I got to look in the flight cadets' glider.

"I want to join the Air Cadets," I told the flight student.

I even got to sit in a plane and controlled the flaps! The flight students were great! But, sadly, we had to leave. I did not want to leave at all.

LOGAN NASH

Pensioners are busy!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Pensioners are on their travels again and are visiting Clevedon pier and town on July 21 (the cost is £15 per person).

The group had had an eventful couple of weeks including our summer party which was enjoyable with good wholesome food. Afterwards, we enjoyed lovely harmony singing from Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir.

Our last day trip was to Brecon and a barge on the canal, which proved to be one of the hottest and most enjoyable days we have had.

On Tuesday (July 14), we were entertained by Llantwit Major Ladies Choir.

For more information, contact Primrose on 01446 794257.

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Camps near and far for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts



IT'S nearly the end of a busy year for Cowbridge Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with an amazing Cub camp at Gorwelion, Porthcawl.

We had Vaughn from Wildlife Trust, Bridgend, who gave us a wonderful bat and moth walk, and we showed them glow worms!

Everybody had a great time. We had a surprise ice cream van to come and treat the Cubs before going to the camp fire for a sing-song, which was enjoyed by all. Martin Boocoy, who was in charge of the singing, did an amazing

job. We have been so lucky this year, as we had great help from general technical mechanics from the No 4 School of Technical Training based at MoD St Athan.

We hope to have their help next year.

The Scouts have a camp coming up in the next few weeks to Bodmin in Cornwall for a week. We are all looking forward to next term, with lots more adventures!

Christine Mallett, Cowbridge Cub Leader.

Exam success for young musicians

THREE young musicians, all from Barry, are celebrating the end of term having achieved outstanding (ABRSM) examination results.

Olivia Kauhoven, aged 12, sat grade one piano, Benedict Griffin, aged nine, sat grade two descant recorder, and Jack Ollier, aged 12, sat grade six clarinet at the exam centre in Barry back in June.

All three are students with local teacher Jo Weaving LWCMD, who is "thrilled" to announce that all three passed with distinctions.

Congratulations also go to Poppy Williams, aged eight, who sat her piano prep test and received outstanding comments from the examiner.

Two Mayors for the price of one!



THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, recently presented a cheque for £350 from Barry Town Council to Hooda Griffiths, of ValePlus, to help towards supporting adults with learning difficulties who live in the Vale.

At the same event, residents of Penarth who use the services of ValePlus in Barry were presented with certificates by Penarth Town

Mayor Coun Rosemary Cook. Pictured with the Mayor are Owen Bass, Michael Williams, Rebecca Donnelly, Anna Mouson, Helen Pocock and Nicola Taylor.

The certificates were awarded after a year's hard work in the various centres operated by ValePlus in Barry's High Street.

Everything in the (BARRY) gardens is lovely!

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, visited two National Gardens Scheme gardens with NGS organiser Rosamund Davies, in Barry last week, ahead of their public opening on Sunday, July 19, 12.30pm-5pm.

The NGS was founded by the Queen's Nursing Institute in 1927 and funds are raised annually for charities

such as Macmillan, by visitors paying to attend open gardens and to enjoy home-made teas or buying plants.

The gardens on 11 Arno Road and 47 Aneurin Road Barry are maintained by Debbie Palmer and David Bryant.

You can find out more information at the National Gardens Scheme website: <http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/find-a-garden.aspx>

GPs are focusing on the new health centre at Dinas Powys



A NEW £3m Health Resource Centre in Dinas Powys is under construction.

The Primary Care Centre, due to open early 2016, is based on the former St Cyres School site and is funded by the Welsh Government and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

The centre will cater for 10,000 residents in a modern, high quality, primary care facility.

Professor Marcus Longley, the health board's vice chair said:

"We are delighted that work has started on this brand new, purpose-built centre. This project marks a significant step in the development of primary and community healthcare in Cardiff and Vale, and will provide the local community with a first class health facility."

Dr Thomas and Partners will relocate from the existing Health Care Centre which was built in 1971. The

current building has limited the expansion of new services for the area, but the new development will help to expand the support the centre can offer to the community.

Dr Sue Thomas, senior partner at the practice, said: "This development is more than 10 years in the making and it is great to see it taking shape. It will mean the people of Dinas Powys will have a state-of-the-art health facility which will allow a greater range of health

services."

A community pharmacy will be based within the new centre. TH&L Jones Ltd, a local pharmacy based on Murch Road will take occupation of the centre at the same time, to provide a one-stop shop for patients and visitors.

Brackley Investments, a specialist primary care development company, is leading the development and has appointed John Weavers (Contractors) Limited, based in south Wales, to build the new centre.

Book launch

GRIFFIN Books, Penarth's independent bookshop, will be hosting a book launch for bestselling Irish author Ella Griffin's third novel, *The Flower Arrangement*, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, July 25.

Bookshop owner Mel Griffin explained: "My sister-in-law Ella's novels are popular in her native Ireland, so I'm delighted that her publishers Orion have agreed to sponsor a UK launch of *The Flower Arrangement* here in Penarth."

Tickets are available on 02920 706455, or visit www.griffinbooks.co.uk.

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NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of *The GEM*:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.
I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: **CLIVE MITCHELL**

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Laleston WI
THE July meeting was opened by president Margaret Aylen, who welcomed everyone, including three new members.

The minutes were read by secretary Diane Marshall and treasurer Margaret Williams reported on the success of the WI stall at the recent church fete.

Members were reminded of events during July, including the luncheon club at the Cornstown Country Inn and the book club at Bridgend Library.

Glamorgan Federation events in July include the garden party at Margam Park and the Glamorgan Show in North Comelly Community Centre.

Guests for the evening were the Barber Shop Singers, four gentlemen who entertained with great harmony and humour.

There is no monthly meeting in August, but members are looking forward to the summer tea on August 6, in celebration of the WI centenary, followed by a summer supper party on August 17 at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.

The next meeting will be on September 3 at 7.15pm in Laleston Gardening Club with a harvest auction, and anyone wishing to join in will be made welcome.

For information, call Margaret on 01656 660384 or Diane on 01656 656600.

Helping others
ONCE again, pupils at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (Ynysawdre Comprehensive School), are involved in helping others.

The physical education department is involved in the Bridgend Leadership Pathway. This helps pupils to perform well in school, actively promote the community, and develop skills and experience to prepare them for work and for life.

BCBC's Active Young People's Department trains the pupils.

The pathway creates a pool of volunteers delivering physical activity sessions in school and the community: 5x60 sports clubs are organised at lunchtime and after school.

Years 1 and 2 leaders at the school help run the sessions. Elle Edwards won an award as year 1 Leader of the Year. Jo Long, PE teacher, has now appointed the new

leaders for the next academic year. Elle Edwards thoroughly deserved the award, beating off strong competition from the other Bridgend schools.

Master class
I had the pleasure of attending this recent event in Maesteg Town Hall and it was a real surprise!

Organised by the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir, it involved Welsh international opera star Rebecca Evans, and young competitors who took part in the finals of the Bridgend young singer of the year competition.

I have heard Rebecca sing on a number of occasions, but this event was far more personal and she showed why she is sought after all over the world – not only was she an exquisite voice, but she is a maestro when talking to these young competitors.

The accompanists were Sian Davies, daughter of the respected Bryan Davies, and Ryan Wood, who is certainly making a name for himself in the musical world.

The first youngster to sing was Tessa Castanera-Webber, who was really nervous, but Rebecca led her through her chosen music with such patience, that Tessa's singing improved significantly and her confidence soared.

In fact, this was true of all the youngsters who took part in the master class, thanks to Rebecca's expert tuition. Interestingly, Rebecca advised young singer Matthew Daly that he was not a baritone but a tenor, and that he should choose his music accordingly.

Another youngster was Rhyddian Jenkins, a winner both at the Urdd and Welsh National Eisteddfodau. Rebecca instructed him on his breathing and stance techniques, which showed immediate improvement.

She even guided Anthony Bywe, a tenor with Maesteg 'Gleemen' and an accomplished musician in his own right, who benefited from her input.

I enjoyed this session very much, and am sure those who took part gained valuable experience that will help them in the future.

Mines talk
THE Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will meet in the Len

Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig on July 20.

Doors open at 7pm and the speaker, Mr Roy Meredith, will be talking on colliery disasters in the Llynfi Valley

WI party
THIRTEEN members of Aberkenfig Women's Institute attended the Glamorgan Federation garden party in Margam Park on July 8.

The bus left the Lyric (Bible Church) in Aberkenfig at 11.45 am for lunch at Greenacres, then on to Margam Park for the afternoon.

The weather was not particularly kind, but the 900 members attending did not let it spoil their day. Two young women provided the entertainment with music and song from the 1960s to the present day and the Orangery was rocking!

Arrangements for the fish and chip lunch on August 12 in the Len Evans Centre are in hand. The trip to the Gwili Railway near Carmarthen Town on September 17, has been booked.

Aberkenfig & District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, in Aberkenfig. The next meeting will be on September 9, when Pamela Robson's subject will be 'My Mother's Shop' and the competition will be for a 'Funny Egg Cup'.

For further information, contact Dilys on 01656 725399, or go to www.cobwebs.com. Aberkenfig WI is also on Facebook.

THE Curtain Up (Song and Dance group) is presenting a show titled "Broadvision 2015", a celebration of 15 years of songs from Eurovision and Broadway musical medleys, this evening, July 16 at 7pm in St Michael's and All Saints Church, Maesteg. Tickets £5 at the door.

Tynyrheol

Primary RESPECT was the recent value for the week and certificates have been presented to the pupils who best displayed this value consistently throughout the week.

WINNERS:

Class 1 – Lacey Byrne – for always being respectful to children and adults.
Class 2 – Taylor



Rebecca Evans and Rhyddian Jenkins.



Rebecca Evans and Anwen-Angharad Dixon.



Rebecca Evans and accompanist Ryan Wood.

McCann - for always being respectful to staff and peers.
Class 3 – Brandon Riddiford - for showing respect for himself and staff by having a positive attitude to learning.

The boys and girls teams played in the recent Basketball Blitz competition against other schools in Bridgend. Tynyrheol year-6 pupils were at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, so only year 4 and 5 pupils took part. The boys' team won their event and the girls' team were runners up in the finals.

Boys' team: Oliver Burrows, Lloyd Grabham, Gethin Lewis, Jamie McCann, Brandon Riddiford, Gethin Thomas

Girls' team: Tygan Crocker, Shannon Matthews, Madison Parry, Paige Penny, Ellie Street, Eloise Whitefield, Rhosyn Wong.

Coytrahen fun day
I hope the public support the hardworking community association of Coytrahen, who have given their services and time to organise the above event on Saturday, July 18.

It is being held at the Philip Squires



Rebecca Evans and Lauren Coates.



Tessa Castanera-Webber.



Layla Miller.



Matthew Daly.

INSET AND BELOW:
Glamorgan Federation of WIs garden party at Margam.



community hall, starting at 12pm, with events suitable for all age groups. These include indoor and outdoor stalls, donkey rides, birds of prey, bouncy castle, a jazz band display and magic show.

'Thank you'

I have received a telephone call from Clive Davies; he and his wife would like to thank everyone who attended the tea party on Tuesday, July 7 at his house and gardens in Blackmill.

Everyone was welcomed by Mike, who was dressed in Second World War army uniform in recognition of the ending of hostilities 70 years ago.

He would also like to thank all the ladies who had baked over their hot ovens baking cakes and making the delicious sandwiches!

Clive was thrilled that the total amount raised was £1,534.24p for the charities and it was fairly shared between St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr and Nantymoel animal welfare; each received £767.12p.

Well done to everyone involved, the generosity of the community in the Ogmore Valley is outstanding!

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) ORDER 2015

1. On the 14th July 2015 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 20th July 2015 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 2) Order 2015"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 20th July 2015 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Beatrice Road, Barry (13) (AT54)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 11 and 13 in a north westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

Cornwall Road, Barry (20) (AT52)

On its north east side from a point approximately 85 metres north of its junction with Brecon Court for a distance of 6.6 metres in a north westerly direction.

Daniel Street, Barry (2) (AS53)

On its north side from the boundary line of property numbers 2 and 4 in a easterly direction for 4.2 metres.

Gladstone Road, Barry (199) (AU51)

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 197 and 199 in a north easterly direction for 5.2 metres.

Gladstone Road, Barry (460) (AT53)

On its south side from the boundary line of property numbers 458 and 460 in a easterly direction for 5 metres.

Lower Morel Street, Barry (27) (AV53)

Revoke existing Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders and replace with Disabled Persons Parking Place.

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 25 and 27 in a north westerly direction for 5.2 metres.

Southesk Place, Barry (15) (BA49)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 13 and 15 in a north westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

St Pauls Avenue, Barry (38) (AW50)

On its south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 36 and 38 in a north easterly direction for 5 metres.

Andrew Road, Penarth (32) (AH62)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 30 and 32 in a westerly direction for 5 metres.

Ivy Street, Penarth (12) (AK64)

On its east side from the boundary line of property numbers 11 and 12 in a southerly direction for 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Bell Street, Barry (8) (AX49)

On its north east side from the boundary line between property numbers 8 and 10 in a south easterly direction for 4.2 metres.

Court Road, Barry (3) (AV52)

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Place and replace with Resident Only Parking Place Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm.

On its south west side from the boundary line between property numbers 3 and 5 in a south easterly direction for 5.7 metres.

George Street, Barry (20 and 44) (AV53)

Revoke existing Disabled Persons Parking Places and replace with Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders.

On its south west side from a point 78 metres south east of its junction with Holton Road for a distance of 6.6 metres south east.

On its south west side from the boundary line between property numbers 42 and 44 in a south easterly direction for 4.7 metres.

Lewis Street, Barry (40) (AX49)

On its north east side from the boundary line between property numbers 40 and 42 in a south easterly direction for 5.7 metres.

Romilly Road, Barry (14) (AY49)

On its south west side from a point 91 metres north west of its junction with Canon Street for a distance of 6.6 metres north west.

Station Street, Barry (27) (AW52)

On its south west side from the boundary line between property numbers 27 and 29 in a south easterly direction for 4.8 metres.

St Pauls Avenue, Barry (64) (AW50)

On its south east side from the boundary line between property numbers 62 and 64 in a north easterly direction for 5.4 metres.

West Terrace, Penarth (20) (AK64)

On its south side from the boundary line between property numbers 20 and 22 in a easterly direction for 5.5 metres.

Dated this 16th Day of July 2015.

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2015

GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 2) (GWAHARDD MANNAU AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Ar 14 Gorffennaf 2015, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53, a 124 a Rhian IV o Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffydd 1984, a Rhian 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn y mae ei effaith gyffredinol wedi'i disgrifio isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 20 Gorffennaf 2015 neu bryd bynnag y bydd yr holl arwyddion a marciau ffordd yn barod. Fe'i hadwaenir fel 'Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygio) (Rhif 2) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015'.

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynllun sy'n dangos y manau dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 20 Gorffennaf 2015 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

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ATOLDEN 1

Cynhywyser Map o'r manau parcio canlynol a gynigiwyd ar gyfer pobl anabl

Beatrice Road, Y Barri (13) (AT54)

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 11 a 13 am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Cornwall Road, Barry (20) (AT52)

Ar ei hochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol o fan sydd oddeutu 85 metr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Brecon Court am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Daniel Street, Y Barri (2) (AS53)

Ar ei hochr ogleddol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 2 a 4 am 4.2 o fedrau i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (199) (AU51)

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 197 a 199 am 5.2 o fedrau i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (460) (AT53)

Ar ei hochr ddeheuol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 458 a 460 am 5 metr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Lower Morel Street, Y Barri (27) (AV53)

Dileu'r manau 'hawl i aros am 2 awr yn unig (a dim hawl dychwelyd am 2 awr) 8am - 6pm; dydd Llun - dydd Sadwrn (ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswylwyr)', a darparu manau parcio ar gyfer pobl anabl yn eu lle.

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 25 a 27 am 5.2 o fedrau i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Southesk Place, Y Barri (15) (BA49)

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 13 a 15 am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

St Pauls Avenue, Y Barri (38) (AW50)

Ar ei hochr ddwyreiniol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 36 a 38 am 5 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Andrew Road, Penarth (32) (AH62)

Ar ei hochr ddeheuol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 30 a 32 am 5 metr i gyfeiriad y gorllewin.

Ivy Street, Penarth (12) (AK64)

Ar ei hochr ddwyreiniol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 11 a 12 am 5.5 metr i gyfeiriad y de.

ATODLEN 2

Cynigiwyd dileu'r manau parcio canlynol ar gyfer pobl anabl

Bell Street, Y Barri (8) (AX49)

Ar ei hochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 8 a 10 am 4.2 o fedrau i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Court Road, Y Barri (3) (AV52)

Dileu'r manau parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl a darparu manau parcio ar gyfer preswylwyr (8am - 6.30pm; dydd Llun - dydd Sadwrn) yn eu lle.

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 3 a 5 am 5.7 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

George Street, Barry (20 and 44) (AV53)

Dileu'r manau parcio presennol ar gyfer pobl anabl, a darparu manau 'hawl i aros am 2 awr yn unig (a dim hawl dychwelyd am 2 awr) 8am - 6pm; dydd Llun - dydd Sadwrn (ac eithrio deiliaid trwyddedau preswylwyr)'.

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o fan sy'n 78 metr i'r de ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Heol Holton am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 42 a 44 am 4.7 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Lewis Street, Y Barri (40) (AX49)

Ar ei hochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 40 a 42 am 5.7 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Romilly Road, Y Barri (14) (AY49)

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o fan sy'n 91 metr i'r gogledd orllewin o'r gyffordd â Canon Street am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Station Street, Y Barri (27) (AW52)

Ar ei hochr dde-orllewinol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 27 a 29 am 4.8 metr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

St Pauls Avenue, Y Barri (64) (AW50)

Ar ei hochr dde-ddwyreiniol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 62 a 64 am 5.4 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

West Terrace, Penarth (20) (AK64)

Ar ei hochr ddeheuol o'r ffin rhwng rhifau tai 20 a 22 am 5.5 metr i gyfeiriad y dwyrain.

Dyddiedig 16 Gorffennaf 2015

M. E. Punter,
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Ancient Briton strongmen take the strain and win tug-of-war at Newton Church fete

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

LAST week, The GEM reported that the annual St John's Church Fete at Newton in Porthcawl had been a huge success, raising more than £8,000 for the church restoration fund.

These photographs highlight some of the 'unsung heroes' who work hard in the background, providing cakes, and refreshments to make the event run like clockwork.



ABOVE: The local Air Cadets were a great help to the organisers.



ABOVE: The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun David Newton-Williams, at the Royal British Legion stand.

JESSICA'S HAIRCUT HELPS THE LITTLE PRINCESSES

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ABOVE: Jessica before her trim.



ABOVE: The plaits are ready to be sent to the Little Princess Trust.



The plaits are ready to be cut.

Charity concert raised £258

ON Saturday, July 11, Porthcawl Male Voice Choir joined residents, families, staff and friends of RMBI Albert Edward for a fundraising coffee afternoon in aid of Marie Curie.

The choir was in wonderful form and sang many favourites from 'You Raise me Up', to 'Calon Lan'. We were in for a treat when the secretary's grandson gave a solo guitar performance - at only 16 he did a wonderful job.

Unfortunately, Jean Humphreys, who locally supports Marie Curie and was instrumental in the event happening, was unable to attend. However, Maureen Fargi represented Jean and took charge of the raffle on the day.

The hall was full to capacity and cakes and coffee were available. We were very pleased to have so many visitors on the day and the hall was full to capacity. Mayor David Newton-Williams and his consort drew the raffle, and a great time was had by all.

A massive £258 was raised. A big thank you to Porthcawl Male Voice Choir who donated half their fee to this wonderful charity.

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JESSICA JONES, who lives in Newton, Porthcawl, has a magnificent head of hair, which prompted her to make a donation to a children's cancer charity

Recently, 12-year-old Jessica dropped into the Fresh Hair salon in Newton, and had two 11-inch plaits taken off her luxurious locks, so that the Little Princess trust could use them to make wigs for children who suffer hair loss from cancer.

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THIS year's Bridgend Show was spread out over three days last weekend (July 10-12) and thousands of visitors took advantage of free entry to enjoy the sights, sounds and attractions.

Competition was keen in the equestrian, livestock and produce sections.

It did rain on the Sunday but as the song says, 'Two out of Three Ain't Bad'!



ABOVE:
A prize cockerel in the poultry competition.

RIGHT:
The Squirrel's Nest project in Tondy were showing some of their work.

BELOW: A guest appearance by the Dulux dog?



Record breakers wanted for Summer Reading Challenge

BRIDGEND Library and Information Service is offering young readers a summer challenge.

The theme is 'Record Breakers', where the youngsters can strive to smash records and achieve personal bests in a variety of fun activities and creative challenges.

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the library service is attempting to break Good Morning Britain's official record of 450 parents/carers reading to their children simultaneously.

Record-breaking hopefuls can pledge their commitment by signing up at their local library now to receive a free registration pack as well as their own copy of Jack and the Beanstalk, which everyone will be reading during the attempt.

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ABOVE (left to right): Gary Pesticcio, Vicky Ford, Neil Summers and Peter Cole (official starter).

CHARITY GOLF DAY AT THE GROVE A GREAT SUCCESS!



ABOVE (left to right): The junior team, comprising Jason Thomas, Ben Mullins, Alex Williams and Oliver Mullins were the winners on the day..



ABOVE (left to right): The captain's team, Neil Summers, Kevin Budge, Andy Legg and Dave Jones.

The Grove joint captain's charity day was organised jointly by the men's captain, Neil Summers, and the lady captain, Mrs Vicky Ford. The charity chosen for their year is the RNIB Cymru.

A total of 41 teams took part in the day and the lady captain's team consisted of the well-known local entertainer Owen Money, along with his son Matthew Mitchell and the lady vice-captain Mrs Jan Jones.

The captain's team consisted of Andy Legg, Kevin Budge and David Jones, former manager of Cardiff City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield Wednesday.

We had glorious weather and enjoyed wonderful golf in superb conditions. All the teams were announced on the tee by Peter Coles

from Index Golf, who is the official starter from the ladies European Masters and the Rich Woman's Open golf tournaments. A running buffet was enjoyed by the players after their round of golf.

The event was a huge success and raised around £4,500 on the day. Thanks go to the staff and management of The Grove and sponsors Barclays Bank, Gary Pesticcio - Ford Bridgend, Taylor Wimpey, OneVision, Leon Warne (Grove Pro Shop), Group First Wales and West and dirtydog.com.

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Birthdays

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Emily Jane

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Family Notices

JOHN

Harry Clifford

Peacefully on July 4 at Glanffrd Nursing Home, Pencoed, Harry aged 95 years of Broadway, Cowbridge and formerly of Merthyr Tydfil; beloved husband of the late Muriel, much loved father of Susan, father-in-law to Andrew, devoted Grampa to Matthew. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday July 21, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Dementia UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 6SB Tel: 01656 860545.



WARREN

Geoffrey Gordon

Suddenly at his home in Llantwit Major surrounded by his family, Geoff, dearly loved husband of Sonia, much loved father of Claire and Dean and a loving grandfather 'Boppy' to Chloe, Bethan and Jasmine.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends who were privileged enough to share his life.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the funeral on Friday, July 24 in St. Illtud's Church at 3pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

ROBERTS

Justin

Janet, Griff and Jessica would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and care during this difficult time.

Thanks also to Rev Heather Weddell and members of Cowbridge United Reformed Church for giving so much help and support.

JONES

John Alwyn

Yn sydyn 9 Gorffennaf yn U.H.W. Caerdydd, John Alwyn o'r Barri, gynt o G.C.G. Gwr annwyl Dorothy, tad cariadus iawn Ann, Huw a Gwyn, tad-ying-nghyfraith hoff Rei a Joanne, tadcu arbennig Nia, Elin, Henry, Evan, Esme a Lenny. Brawd annwyl y diweddar Jennice.

Suddenly on July 9th at U.H.W. Cardiff, John Alwyn of Barry, previously of G.C.G. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy, devoted father of Ann, Huw and Gwyn and dear father-in-law of Rei and Joanne. Much loved and cherished tadcu of Nia, Elin, Henry, Evan, Esme and Lenny. Dear brother of the late Jennice.

John Alwyn will be hugely missed by all of his family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the chapel on Monday, July 20th at 3.45pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the service for Ty-Hafan.

WILLIAMS

Karl

(28 June 1974 - 19 July 2000)

We never said goodbye Karl but that was just as well,
We could never have said goodbye to the one we loved so well.

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Love and miss you forever.

Mam, Dad, Annabel, Kristian, Jamie, Gemma, Leoní, Curtis, Lacey, Kayden & Evie xxx

IAN REES

21 July 1976

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Primus inter pares

WILLIAMS

Graham Ithel

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 3rd July 2015, aged 84 years. Loving husband of Margaret, brother-in-law of Connie and Carol, uncle to Marcus and Julian.

Graham will be very sadly missed by all.

Resting at Rumney Funeral Home until the service to be held at Barry Crematorium on Wednesday, 22nd July at 2pm.

Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu would be appreciated for Barry Dock Lifeboat Station, The Pier Head Buildings, The Outer Harbour, Barry Docks, Barry, CF62 5QS, in memory of Graham.

All enquiries to Rumney Funeral Home, 792 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4FH, 02920 797516.

BERREY

Gordon

Jane, Sarah and David would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and all doctors and nurses for their support at this sad time. Also thanks to Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors, and Reverend Edward Dowland-Owen for the lovely service.

TEWKESBURY

Linda Jill

Suddenly at home on June 27, 2015, Linda aged 68 years.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, July 27 at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired for the Red Cross, c/o the Funeral Director.

EDWARDS

Dennis

Suddenly on Wednesday, July 8, at his home, Dennis, aged 86 years of Pwllwyrach Farm; dearly loved husband of Averil for over 61 years, devoted father of Richard and Libby, father-in-law, grandfather and proud great-grandfather.

Dennis will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral on Friday, July 17, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm where friends please meet. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Bowel Cancer UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 6SB Tel: 01656 860545.

PARKMAN

Margaret Helena

Peacefully on July 5, at Llandough Hospital, Peg aged 89 years of Rhose, beloved wife of the late Bill, dearly loved mother of Patrice and Jayne and son-in-law Tom, much loved nana of Claire and Faye and great grandmother of Ralph.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, July 22, Requiem Mass 10am at St. Helens R.C. Church, Barry, followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery.

Family flowers only may be sent to Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice Wales c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

JONES

Sylvia Anne

Following a short illness, Sylvia sadly passed away peacefully on July 8 aged 92 years.

Beloved wife to Ted (died 1969) and to Ken (sadly now also died), much loved mum to Robert and mum in law to Lesley, grandma to Evan, Ollie, Amelia, Cameron, James, Nicole, Leanne, Isabel, Fletcher, Caitlin, Rhys and Simon.

Sylvia is being cared for by The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at 11am on Thursday July 23 at The Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers by request but donations if desired at the service or alternatively to Robert or Lesley Weekley, in aid of The Heath Hospital, Cardiff.

Further enquiries to Paul Wheadon on 01446 407962.

DAVIES

Frederick John

May, and the family of the late Fred Davies of Llantwit Major, would like to sincerely thank all those who sent cards and messages of sympathy.

Also, those who attended the funeral service and gave donations in lieu of flowers to the Welsh Air Ambulance.

With special thanks to Doctors Cheeseman and Crimmins and the staff of Eryl Surgery, and also to Bill for all his help and for his touching eulogy. Thanks also to Rev. Joy Birkin, the chosen bearers, the Rugby Club for the wonderful refreshments and to W.A. Brown and Son, Funeral Directors for their professional and caring service.

DAVIES

Sue

Peacefully on July 5 at University Hospital of Wales. Much loved wife of Richard and devoted mother of Ashley, will be sadly missed.

Resting at James Summers & Son, Lavernock Court, Penarth until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, July 21 at 10am.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired to Cancer Research UK or Ward A5 (Sapphire) UHW c/o the funeral home. Please wear bright clothes to celebrate Sue's life.

Wedding Announcement



Claudia (née James) and Jacob Bowsher

Unforgettable day

Claudia James, the owner of Beauty and Aesthetic, Park Crescent, Barry, and Jacob Bowsher of J.S Bowsher Limited.

Claudia was given away by her brother Iestyn James at their family church, All Saints, Barry on July 10th, followed by a reception at Sully Manor House for family and friends.



Claudia and Jacob would like to thank family and friends for making it such a special day.

They're off honeymooning for two weeks in Thailand.

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Barry Communities First, Newydd, South Wales Police and Zac from the Kicks project at the Cardiff City Stadium preparing for the launch of the project.

PARTNERS from across the Vale are set to expand the highly successful Cardiff City Premier League Kicks project into Barry which is aimed at young people aged 14-19.

A local partnership project between Newydd, Barry Communities First, South Wales Police, Legacy Leisure, British Transport Police and Cardiff City Foundation have managed to successfully secure one year's funding to support the go ahead of the project which will run every Thursday starting July 23, from 6pm-8pm, at the Colcot

AstroTurf, Barry with the hope of extending the project if successful.

In addition to football coaching and competitions, Cardiff City Premier League Kicks programme offers a range of other positive activities to develop young sport enthusiasts.

Developmental and educational sessions are also run, dealing with issues such as healthy lifestyles and the dangers of getting involved in alcohol and drugs.

To find out how you can take part in this amazing project, please contact Zac Jones on 07701287689

Millwood bowling club round-up

A bit of a setback for Millwood to lose this game by a margin of 29 shots, 78-49, to Cowbridge, in this latest game in the Munro Cup.

This defeat ended any slight chance of Millwood coming within sight of any kind of glory at the end of the series of games for the Munro Cup, but we will still enjoy playing to the completion of the cup games.

We can now concentrate on consolidating our two division sides' efforts to get promotion!

At the fourth end, Cowbridge had a lead of three shots (12-15), which after the ninth end had jumped to a 10 shot advantage of 23-33.

On completion of the 'unlucky' 13th end, Millwood were behind by a disappointing 21 shots at 36-57, only for Cowbridge to finish Millwood off by the end of the game by the hefty 29 shot winning margin.

Millwood had no answer to the 22 shot loss in rink 4, which did help Cowbridge to clinch their deserved victory.

Millwood still have to play Penarth (home), Romilly (home), Llantwit Major (away) and Sully (home) to finish off the Munro Cup games - let's hope for a few good results!

Losing this game to Ynysgharad in Division 4 was definitely not what was written in the game plan!

This means now that Millwood will have to work harder now to keep in contention with the leaders if we want promotion out of this division.

After going 14 shots down after the first five ends (13-27), it looked rather ominous for

Millwood, whereupon, when the 10th end had been played, the shot margin was 17 shots (36-53).

Millwood then started to pull back the deficit, and after the 15th end had been played the score stood at 61-70 to the visitors; but although Millwood tried their hardest, the visitors held on to their lead and came away with a match winning 10 shot margin, 79-89, taking 10 points to Millwood's four points.

Although we had two winning rinks, the shots tally went in favour of Ynysgharad. Hard luck lads!

At time of writing this report, Millwood now have played six, won four and lost two. At present we are lying second or third in the division, depending on how other results went on Saturday. Gelligale look as though they are galloping away with the lead!

Time for us to try and catch them before it is too late, as only two sides are promoted.

Millwood play out at the Murch this Saturday, July 18, the start of the return fixtures in the division - another big win would do very nicely!

Millwood 'A' side lost this sixth game in Division 7 by a margin of only five shots, 71-76, against the leaders Splott Phoenix.

Evan's double!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams had a nice little double at Stratford races on Sunday.

His five-year-old In On The Act took the opening Shakespeare Martineau Novices' Hurdle at odds of 11-2 and his eight-year-old Zama Zama won the Marco's New York Italian Stratford Handicap Chase at odds of 4-1.

In On The Act, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won by two-and-three-quarter lengths from Paoletti and Zama Zama, ridden by Adam Wedge, scored by three lengths from Faith Jicaro.

BRIAN LEE

Story of the National Hunt's legendary Fulke

TODAY'S subject is from my new out of print book **Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys (Cwmnedd Press, 1993) and concerns the legendary Fulke Walwyn.**

Contrary to most racing biographies, National Hunt's legendary Fulke Walwyn was born in Wrexham and not Monmouthshire.

Fulke, who rode his first winner at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse as an amateur rider, has a record of training big race winners that may never be beaten.

Five Cheltenham Gold Cups, six Hennessy Gold Cups, seven Whitbread Gold Cups, five victories in the King George V1 Chase, two Champion Hurdles and a Grand National.

To list all his other big race winners would be an irksome task. Fulke's father, also named Fulke, was Master of the Monmouthshire Hunt in the early 1900s and like his father, Fulke rode in Welsh point-to-points before graduating under the full rules of the sport.

It was probably the Western Mail way back in 1928 which gave the Welsh Wizard his first

ever mention in the press when claiming that 'a feature of the Monmouthshire Hunt Races was the riding of Mr F Walwyn the young son of Col Walwyn MFH. He led the field a merry dance on Col. Morgan's Liaty before finishing third.'

Fulke, who was to become the leading amateur rider on three occasions, won the 1936 Grand National on *Reynoldstown* before joining the paid ranks. *Reynoldstown*, who had won the previous year with Frank Furlong in the saddle, won a dramatic race as the 100-1 outsider, *Davy Jones*, who had made most of the running, pecked badly at the second last fence causing the buckle of the reins to snap.

Davy Jones' rider, the hapless Anthony Mildway, had no way of steering his mount which ran out at the last fence. *Reynoldstown* came home some 12 lengths clear of Sir David Llewellyn's *Ego*, ridden by Harry Llewellyn, later Sir Harry of *Foxhunter* fame.

Although *Reynoldstown* could be considered a lucky winner, it should be remembered that he did carry 12st 2lbs and that Fulke did well to survive three blunders in the later part of the race.

Rugby league squad named

WALES under-16 have released a 29-man training squad for the international against England at Taff's Well RFC on Saturday, August 22 (kick-off 1pm).

The Welsh have been training hard for the test over the last few months with their next session being on Sunday, July 26, at a venue to be confirmed.

Team manager Peter Tiffin said: "We would like to thank everyone who has participated in the sessions. It was a tough situation for the coaching staff as

everyone seemed to be improving and taking everything they were taught.

"It took a long time for all members of staff to make the final decision on the training squad for the up and coming England game. Even though the boys have done very well on making the 29 man training squad, sessions are now going to get even tougher as we want to see who is ready for the step up to the match day squad on August 22."

Nippers are in action at Island

THIS year the SLSA Wales Nipper Championships will be taking place at Barry Island beach over the weekend of July 18/19.

Hosted by Rhooose Lifeguards, the two day event will see over 400 children from across Wales, including many from local lifeguards clubs, compete in a number of beach and sea events for 8-13-year-olds.

Rhooose Nipper coach Damon Gibson has kindly organised souvenir t-shirts for the event which will be on sale over the course of the weekend.

Races start early in the morning so please come along and see what Surf Lifesaving in Wales is all about!

JF

WELSH STEEPLECHASE JOCKEYS by Brian Lee

It should also be remembered that *Reynoldstown* was the first horse to win the Grand National in successive years since *The Colonel* in 1870.

A bad fall at Ludlow in 1938 put paid to Fulke's riding career and shortly afterwards he took out a trainers' licence.

That was more than 2,000 winners ago when he started off with just three horses.

Some of the names of those 2,000-odd winners will be music to the ears of many racing fans. *Mount Tremblant*, *Mandarin*, *Team Spirit*, *Mill House*, *Anzio*, *The Dikler* and *Taxidermist*.

Fulke trained more than 200 winners at

Cheltenham Racecourse, regarded as the headquarters and spiritual home of steeplechasing.

However, the 1989 festival meeting was a particularly sad one for him. His very promising *Ten Plus* was leading the field in the Gold Cup and looked to have the beating of the people's hero *Desert Orchid* when it fell three fences from the finish.

"Of the Ely Racecourse," Fulke told me, "many years ago now, I had my first ride under National Hunt Rules at Cardiff and luckily for me it turned out to be a winner. The horse's name was *Alpine Hut* and I won a two-mile novice chase on

him. He turned out to be a very useful horse and won a lot of races which helped me along.

"Cardiff was a good course and it is such a pity that most of these small meetings have now gone. The Welsh Grand National was run there and it used to produce some good winners."

Fulke retired as a trainer in 1990 and died the following year, aged 80. I had the pleasure of meeting his wife Cath, who took over from him, when my little book was launched at Chepstow Racecourse in 1993.

Next time we take a look at Sir Harry Llewellyn, of show-jumping *Foxhunter* fame, who finished second and fourth on *Ego* in the Grand Nationals of 1936 and 1937 respectively.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports round-up

ON June 23, Cowbridge played Barry Boys Comprehensive School in a friendly tennis fixture.

Having played Bro Morgannwg two weeks before and narrowly losing, the boys were starting to get their swings back and were progressing all the time.

It was a great afternoon, where the short, sharp matches of first to three games worked brilliantly, and the pupils from both schools were excellent in officiating and managing their own matches. They were a credit to both schools.

With the mixture of pupils at the event, due to the age range being between 11 and 15, it was a big learning curve for some, especially those year 7 pupils playing three years up. It was a close contest from start to finish, but Cowbridge just edged the contest 24 games to Barry's 20.

A special mention has to go out to Chris Lewis from Cowbridge who won all of his matches, and James D and Alex H from Barry who won all of their matches also.

Well done to all that participated! It was brilliant to see pupils of all ages and experience levels getting stuck in, and ultimately 30 pupils taking part and enjoying themselves. Man of the match: Chris Lewis (Year 8).

WELSH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS Six athletes from Cowbridge Comprehensive School competed for Cardiff and the Vale at the Welsh Schools Athletics Championships at Leckwith on July 4.



From left to right: Megan Hodgson, Kristian Jones and Jessica Wadey.

Cowbridge can now boast three Welsh champions. Megan Hodgson in Year 9 came first in the pole vault clearing 3m15, also beating the previous championship best performance which was 3m05.

Jessica Wadey, also Year 9, came first in the 800m in 2m21.98 and Kristian Jones in Year 12 came first in both the 100m (11.05s) and the 200m (22.18s).

Tirion Evan's Year 9 also competed in the pole vault, coming second to Megan clearing 2m75 and Brooke Langton Cryer (Year 12) had a busy day coming second in the triple jump with a jump of 10m16, third in the discus throwing 24m16 and third in the high jump jumping 1m40.

Tom Trotman, also Year 12, competed in the high jump; Tom came second with a jump of 1m80, 20cm down from his 2m personal best. Well done to all the athletes.

ATHLETICS On June 30, Cowbridge competed in the Cardiff and Vale Athletics 'B' Championship final.

Having qualified for the event the previous week, the boys were raring to go and show

their athletics ability. It was a great afternoon of athletics, with some superb talent on show. All the Cardiff and Vale athletes were highlighting what a talented region this is, and showing the excellent work their respective teachers were doing with their pupils.

In regards to Cowbridge, the pupils were outstanding. All performed to the best of their ability, and were a credit to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The results were as follows: *Dan Stancombe* - 2nd (100m); *Benji Williams* - 7th (200m) and 3rd (Shot Put); *Ethan White* - 5th (300m); *Iestyn Galton* - 1st (800m) and 8th (Discus); *Will O'Connor* - 2nd (1,500m); *Jake Thomas* - 1st (75m Hurdles); *George Ogulu* - 1st (Long Jump); *Edward Thomas* - 1st (Triple Jump); *Oliver Wong* - 3rd (Javelin).

Due to their impressive individual performances, Cowbridge finished second behind Eastern High by just seven points, and without disqualification in the relay, it might have been a different story.

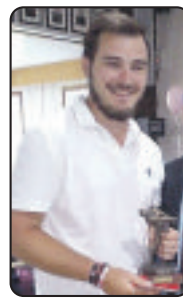
Well done to all that participated!

The sun shines at St Athan Golf Club as Captain's Day has its 'very own fly past'



CAPTAIN'S DAY at St Athan Golf Club was blessed with good weather, and as the Swansea Air Show was taking place on the same day, men's captain Mike Edwards could even claim he had organised a fly past!

As well as providing a day of keen competition between the club members, the day was also devoted to raising money for 'Toby's Fund' – a fund set up as a memorial to captain Mike's nephew, who tragically passed away at the age of 20.



LEFT: Club captain Mike Edwards.



Sully Bridge Club latest results

MONDAY, July 6, North/South:

1st Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 55.56, 2nd Richard Allely/Janet Cunningham 52.92, 3rd Vernon Pearn/Glyn Thomas 52.92, East/West: 1st, Helen Jordan/Marjorie Morgan 64.06, 2nd Sean MacDougall/Alan Jones 57.55, 3rd Brenda Shepherd/Hazel Hession 52.08.

Wednesday, July 8, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 68.29, 2nd Hilary Pickard/Margaret Taylor 60.42, 3rd Jane Greatrex/John Pikoulis

59.49, East/West: 1st Anne Hilary Jones/Sean MacDougall 65.51, 2nd David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins 56.48, 3rd Merion Avon/Dorothy Foulkes 55.79.

Saturday, July 11, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 65.00, 2nd Kay Dyer/Reg Dyer 55.83, 3rd Barbara Burden/Sue Attley 47.92, East/West: 1st Mary Cartwright/Pat Verdoni 60.42, 2nd Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 55.42, 3rd Val Hethridge/Richard Alley 52.92.

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The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 7:

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New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

DR

Romilly bowlers on good form

ROMILLY Bowls Club continued their fantastic start to their league season with both club and 'A' teams winning their respective games.

The club side were away to Gelli Park (Rhondda), always a difficult fixture with the 'A' side welcoming Cardiff side St Joseph's to Romilly Park.

On Saturday, the Romilly club team travelled to the Rhondda with a slightly re-arranged team due to the non-availability of skip Jeff Wright but due to their depth in the squad the team were still confident of obtaining a result.

A difficult game was expected against a side who rarely lose on their home green and Saturday's green was looking decidedly unpleasant with a mixture of thick grass combined with bare patches - every bowler knows how difficult this is.

However the 'Rom' this season know how to battle and were prepared for these conditions. The game commenced with the sky overcast and a forecast for rain showers but this didn't deter the bowlers from producing some early

excellent bowls on the difficult rinks, and by the fifth end the home team were holding a one shot lead.

This encouraged the Romilly bowlers, being just one shot down while working out the green, because by the end of the 10th the 'Rom' had moved into a nine shot lead, 39-30.

All rinks were battling hard under the conditions with rink of P Gershenson, Rhod Phillips, P Williams and G Trepleton being the most successful at this stage, holding a seven shot advantage. The overall game remained close but Romilly were coming under extreme pressure and by the 15th end they had gone seven shots adrift with three rinks behind, leaving just Trepleton's rink ahead by six.

Once again the battling qualities of the Romilly players came to the fore during the final quarter as the rink of G Eastment, R Hewitson, M Doyle and skip G Cogbill fought out a great game against home skip Kevin Rees, with the 'Rom' rink winning by one on the last end after being six behind on the 17th end.

Mel Newman's rink, who were ahead by four at one stage, found themselves seven down

at end 20 but then finished off with a superb four on the final end to lose by just three shots which had a massive bearing on the game.

With Trepleton's rink holding their nerve, eventually winning by five shots, it was left to the rink of Gwynne Rees, Roger Jones, Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo to hold onto Romilly's overall two shot lead against the legendary home skip Spencer Wiltshire.

With the rink score in favour of the home team, 18-19, it was Wiltshire who had the final say; with the Romilly rink holding three shots he drew shot with his last bowl to win the rink 18-20, but not enough for the overall result as Romilly held on to win by 76-75. The rinks ended two apiece with Romilly taking a valuable 10 points to Gelli's 4.

ROMILLY 'A' V ST JOSEPH'S
Romilly 'A' welcomed Cardiff side St. Joseph's to Romilly Park last Saturday in a 5th Division league match hoping to retain their unbeaten record.

The game began with visitors taking the early initiative going seven shots ahead after

just two ends but on the third end Romilly picked up 13 shots across their rinks which helped the 'Rom' to a one shot lead at the end of the fifth.

As the game progressed the rink of Howard Jones took charge, and they were nine ahead by the 10th end and, with the other rinks having a close fought contest, Romilly had an overall advantage of 10 shots. By the 15th end the score difference was still 10 but the scores on individual rinks were changing as the rinks of Jones and Tony Freeman, although still leading, were leaking shots while the rink of Andrew Hatcher had fallen further behind.

Fortunately Alun Bryan's rink of Alan Bannister, Tony Jones and Bryn Gough found their form, making eight shots between ends 11 to 15. The final quarter saw the 'Rom' pressurise the Joe's with Hatcher's rink fighting back from a deficit of eight shots to win by two, 21-19.

Also the rinks of Jones and Freeman played superbly to both win by 15 shots, 29-14 and 33-18 respectively. Bryan's rink, although winning, dropped six shots but held on by two shots, 15-13, to ensure a 14 point win for the 'Rom' and keep them within two points of the league leaders.

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INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT FOR CHESS PLAYERS

IT is pleasing to note that four members of the Barry Chess Club have entered the South Wales International Open, held in the Park Inn Hotel in Cardiff.

There were a total of 69 entries for this seven day Swiss tournament run over 10 rounds of play. Included among the entries were six grand masters, six FIDE masters, three international masters and one candidate master.

This means the field was very strong and someone of the ability of Lee Davis, Barry's

highest rated player, was ranked 25th, Nigel Ralphs 27th, Sam Jukes 48th and Steven Bonutto estimated at 65th out of 69.

The first round matched the higher ranked players against the lower ranked players. Lee and Nigel, being in the upper part of the draw, were expected to win their games and Sam and Steven were expected to lose. Our players did not disappoint with Lee and Nigel both winning.

In round two players were matched with other players who obtained an identical score in the first round. Nigel took a bye in this round but Sam and Steven were still heavily outranked and again failed to trouble the scorers. Lee was matched with a grand master in Peter Wells meaning that Nigel's half point bye was our only point of the round.

The third round was our best to date. Sam took his first point defeating Chirag Guha and Stephen earned an excellent draw against Ron Williams who has a ranking of 1674 - about 400 points more than Stephen. Lee also won but Nigel lost to an international master in Sabrina Chevannes.

After three rounds of

play Lee found himself in equal 10th place, level with two grand masters on two points. Nigel is half a point behind but this puts him currently in equal 31st place. Sam may only have one point but he was in joint 48th place, level with Tim Kett, the highest ranked Welsh player; Stephen was in joint 57th place with his half point.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Touched by club's gesture

I WAS highly delighted and surprised but, nonetheless, extremely proud, when I read the articles in The GEM about the Vale Reds presentation evening.

I have never been involved with the running of the club, but until the beginning of the 2014/15 season was a fairly regular supporter while my son was playing for the club.

Unfortunately, my darling wife passed away in September 2014, and mine and my son's support faded (at this time my son was no longer playing football for the club).

However, at the start of the season I was asked to contact the chairman Neil Latham. To my surprise, he and

his wife Pat said that the club wanted to create an award to recognise the support my wife had given the club.

So the Myra Phillips Award came into being, and, as a family, we are extremely proud that Myra is so well thought of.

I have not been in contact with the club since the beginning of the season and did not attend the presentation evening, but I am pleased that the committee felt that Neil was the worthy recipient of the award.

Now that the club is under the umbrella of the Barry Town United Football Club, I hope it will continue to thrive and build on the success already achieved.

Geoffrey H Phillips, MBE, Barry.



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BASC in action at International Pool meet

LAST Saturday, the Cardiff Bay Sprint Meet was held at the Cardiff International Pool.

It was the 27th year this meet has been held and was originally set up by Mr Brian Hardwicke, as the GRE Sprint Meet, held in the Cogan pool over two days.

The event has now transferred to the Cardiff Pool and is now organized by the Barry Amateur Swimming Club as a one day event.

It was a very long day for all the Barry members starting at 7.30am with the last members leaving Cardiff after 7pm!

The Gala was attended by 20 clubs - mostly from Wales but Cinderford SC and Wantage SC also brought swimmers. The Gala is classed as a Level 3 Meet but actually caters for swimmers at two levels of swimming.

Medals are presented for the first three places in four strokes plus a Kick Race, which is really a fun event. Then the top 10 swimmers over all in each age group and each stroke (other than the Kick Race) are entered into an Individual Medley Race in the last session with a prize of £10 for the winner in each group.

Many swimmers left the Gala with several medals gained from their



swims and we received many thanks from swimmers and clubs for a most enjoyable Gala.

Speeding tickets were issued to some swimmers who exceeded the top time given for each race.

This was in fact a well-earned result as they had obviously swam faster than their previous best time for the race!

Additionally two cups are presented to swimmers, the nine year old swimmer who earns the most points over all wins the Rowland Jones Cup and the 12 year old swimmer with the most points wins the Brian Hardwicke Cup each year.

This year there were three nine year old swimmers who had a top score of 31 points each - Eleanor Emes of Monnow SC, Amy Crowley of City of Cardiff SC and Cody Franielczyk of Pontypridd SC, and they



won the Rowland Jones Cup and each received a small trophy to keep to remind them of their success.

The Brian Hardwicke Cup was won by Fiona Millan of Neath SC with 36 points and she also took a small trophy home to keep.

Some of the Barry swimmers also won medals - Nadia Hamandi, Aaron Belby, Cian Ralphs, Nia Fuller, Thomas Pugh, Ruby Jones, Bethan Williams each had a gold medal; Bethan Williams also won a silver medal and bronze medals were won by Sophia Hamandi, Nadia Hamandi, Henry Davies, Bethan Williams, Cery Borges, Pia Sully and Carys Thomas.

New swimmers are always welcome at our club and if anybody would like further information please call Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784. **SB**

TEE TIME IN THE PARK!

FREE 'Golf in the Park' sessions for beginners are being offered at Porthkerry Country Park for those looking to tee-off their golfing career.

The Vale Council's Sports Development Team, in partnership with Brynhill Golf Club, is offering free weekly golf coaching sessions starting on Saturday, July 25.

The sessions will take place at the Porthkerry Country Park pitch and putt course from 10am-

11am throughout the summer holiday period.

Players will have the opportunity to play the full nine holes on the course, with coaching being given throughout from one of Brynhill's PGA professionals. All equipment will be provided and all are welcome to come along and take part.

For more information, or to book a place, contact 5x60 Officer Steffan Williams on 01446 704793 or email shwilliams@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.



Rugby World Cup fever on the beach



NOT QUITE THE FAMOUS PONTYPOOL FRONT ROW!

ALUN CAIRNS MP joined Cardiff Blues players at the inaugural Beach Rugby Festival on Barry Island recently.

He said: "Beach rugby is growing in popularity, and it was great to see the Rugby World Cup trophy on display in the newly-renovated Eastern Promenade."

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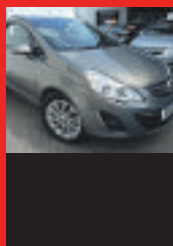


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Can Wales (like England in cricket) use home advantage as vital springboard for World Cup glory?

LAST week Australia arrived in Wales for the first Ashes Test as hot favourites – only to succumb to a crushing 169-run defeat.

Cardiff is fast becoming the England cricket team's lucky ground.

In 2009, they secured a battling draw against Australia at the Swalec Stadium, and went on to win the Ashes; and in 2011 they bowled out Sri Lanka in the Welsh capital for just 82 in the second innings to score a remarkable victory.

This year's victory cements Cardiff as a key Test venue, but not purely because of the result – the hospitality and organisation has been widely praised.

by GEM REPORTER

Take a bow Glamorgan Cricket Club and chief executive Hugh Morris. The England captain, Alastair Cook, said that Hugh, who was born in St David's Hospital just yards from the ground and grew up in Cowbridge, should be "incredibly proud" of the way the Test match was staged.

Visitors to Cardiff love the fact that they can stay overnight in the city centre and then walk down through the park to the ground.

Later this year the much-vaunted Southern Hemisphere

rugby teams will arrive in England and Wales for the Rugby World Cup.

Like Australia in cricket, they will arrive as strong favourites.

It may be many years until the tournament returns to our shores, so maybe the nations of the British Isles need to see home advantage as a once in a generation opportunity to upstage New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.

Many pundits believe the All Blacks will retain the world crown, but five previous attempts to win on foreign soil have all failed.

If Wales overcome Australia in the group matches, is it too much to dream that it will be the launch pad for a run to the final at Twickenham on Saturday, October 31?

Bulls overpower Cardiff City B!

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls' 100 per cent home record stayed intact as they faced a Cardiff City B squad decimated by injury and work commitments, which saw them arrive at Brynllas Fields with only seven players.

Bulls helped the Cardiff side with six players to get the game started, and Cardiff were straight on the attack, finding holes in the Bulls defence and applying pressure to force silly errors.

The crowd were entertained to 10 tries in the first half and 11 in the second but with two each half coming from the men from the capital, it showed spirit on their side as they refused to

give up.

It took seven minutes for the Bulls to open this high-scoring encounter; unfortunately it was two Bulls players on the Cardiff side's mistakes – a wild pass from Mark Astley to Bulls team manager Steve Smith, and his un-acrobatic attempt at catching the pass, gave an opportunity for Lewis Nolan to race 60 meters to open the scoring.

Owen Thomas was the star of the show for Bridgend with five tries while Owen Davies scored one but impressively converted 16 out of 17 for a personal points total of 36.

Keiran Hooper scored two tries, while also on the scoresheet for the Blue Bulls were Jared Ridderford, Lewis Nolan, Lloyd Giles,

Owen Davies, Tom Ansen, Nathan Morgan, Aaron Hughes, Rhys Pope and Stuart Robson, all of whom scored one try each.

Kyle Ross scored a try and two goals for Cardiff with Andrew Prouse, Simon Grisman and Nathan Hale all crossing.

Bulls now travel to Runney RFC (Cardiff) Saturday with a 4pm kick off as the Cardiff B face off Aber Valley Wolves at 2pm.

**GWENDRAETH VALLEY RAIDERS 16
CARDIFF CITY RL A 56**

The Cardiff City RL A side will definitely face Aber Valley Wolves in the lone semi-final of the Welsh Conference following their 56-16 win at Gwendraeth Valley Raiders.

Cardiff's win at Mynydd-y-Garreg on Saturday was rarely in doubt with former Cardiff Demons player-coach Idris Evans making a comeback and scoring a brace of tries.

More of his former Demons team mates were also on the scoresheet with brothers Jamie and Duane Iles, along with Dan Henderson, getting one try each, with Henderson kicking six conversions.

Other tries were added by Joe Davies, Tom Mace, Dan Hiscock and Matt Wilcox, with Andrew Millard going over twice. Two tries for Matthew Davies and one from Tomos Williams were the scores that Gwendraeth were able to come back with; Daf Daniels and Tom Williams each converted once.

REBECCA IS PICKED FOR YOUTH GAMES



Rebecca Sutton

BRIDGEND athlete Rebecca Sutton (swimming) has been selected to be part of Team Wales competing at this September's Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa.

The athletes gathered at the weekend to meet each other and receive their Wales kit at a special team day at the University of South Wales' Trefforest Campus.

The event marked one year on from the record breaking success of Team Wales at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, with 1,000 days to go before the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, and just over 50 days to the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa, when the next generation of Team Wales competes in Swimming, Weightlifting, Tennis and Archery. Team Wales made history in Glasgow last year with a record medal haul of 36 medals.

PORTHCAWL BRIDGE CLUB: LATEST NEWS

SUMMER is a traditionally quiet period in most bridge clubs – there are fewer tournaments.

However normal club nights still thrive, and the latest results are:

Saturday, June 27: first – Roger Draper & Connie Dick; second – Eileen Mahoney & Jeff Barnett. Thursday, July 2: first – Roger Draper & Mary Fletcher; handicap – Eleanor Jones & Margaret McCormack. Saturday, July 4: first – Dil & Marian Evans; second – Colin & Hazel Heard.

Pencoed cricketers fail to capitalise

PENCOED returned to action at home to Newport in the league.

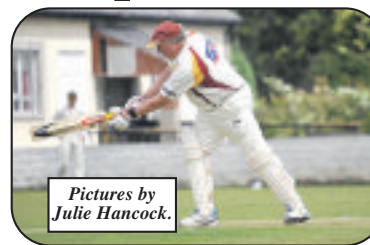
James Smith won the toss and decided to bat first. Pencoed struggled with none of the top six getting going and were left in trouble at 40-5. Rhys Morgan, in his first game of the season, looked the best batsmen on show. His knock, together with an excellent last wicket partnership from Ali Waterhouse and Chris Young, allowed Pencoed to post 117 all out.

Newport looked to be cruising to an easy win with an opening partnership of 70. However, first Morgan and then Layton Williams started to exert some pressure and six wickets fell in quick succession.

Newport suddenly looked in trouble and despite a few chances managed to limp home with a couple of overs to spare.

Despite a loss to the pacesetters, Pencoed will be pleased with the fight they put up and will be looking to do a league double next week against Radyr.

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Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, July 8: 1st John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 2nd Mike Best and David Birt, 3rd Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 3rd Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. Winners on handicap John Beard and Liam Sheridan.

Thursday, July 9: 1st Glyn Williams and David Newman, 2nd Leila O'Hagan and Diane Reynolds, 3rd Mike Williams and John Henson. Winners on handicap Leila O'Hagan and Diane Reynolds.

Friday, July 10: 1st Dian Jones and Pat Cogbill, 2nd Wendy Williams and Jane Brook, 3rd Dave and Debbie Lea. Winners on

handicap Dian Jones and Pat Cogbill.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Pre-season preparations at the Athletic going well

BRIDGEND Athletic RFC has re-signed flanker Stuart Edbrooke from Tata Steel.

Stuart will be a useful addition to an existing quality back row. Last season's squad remains intact and has useful youth players Ethan Davies, Zach Evans and Reuben Toozie joining the senior ranks.

They will be able to show their paces in pre-season friendlies against Cross Keys on August 8, Mountain Ash on August 15 and finally Clifton, Bristol on August 22. Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays is

progressing well under head coach John Apsee, ably assisted by Stuart Morris, Ian Greenslade and Gavin Thomas.

The club hope to start the new season building on their very positive performances during the second half of last season's campaign, when they defeated every Championship side except Bargoed and Swansea.

Any new players who wish to try their hand at Championship rugby or at second team level should contact team manager Paul Hearne on 07970348065.

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